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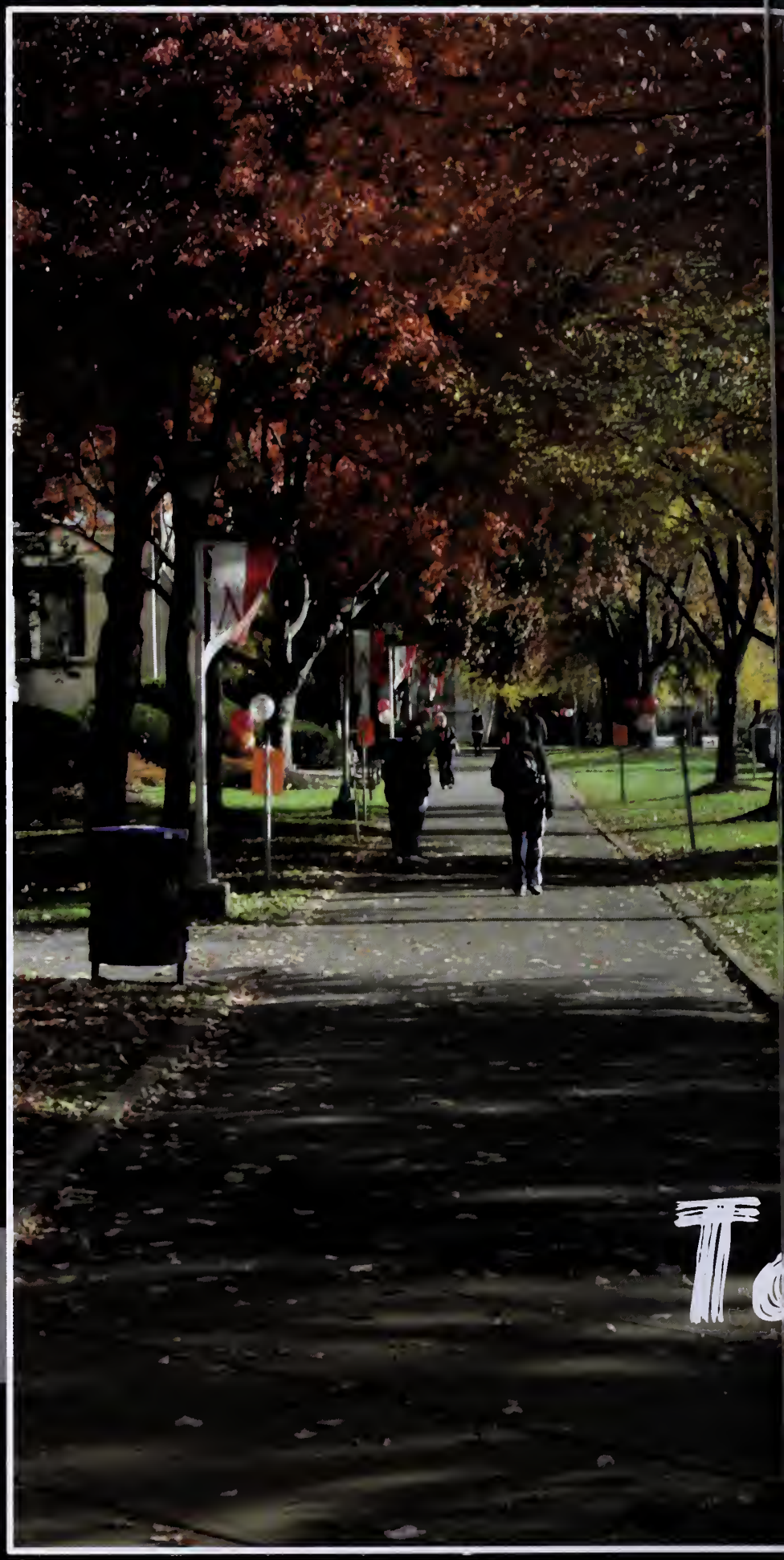

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A Message From the President...

To the Class of 2008:

Yearbooks are funny things. You probably won't get your hands on this one 'til months after graduation, when the memories of Muhlenberg have just begun to recede a bit and the realization that "real life" is underway has started to sink in. So you will leaf through Ciarla's pages, looking for pictures of yourself and your friends, remembering good times and happy moments, and then you will put your yearbook on a shelf, or, more likely, in a box. Over the years, assuming you schlep that box from domicile to domicile, you will bring it out occasionally and look at it again (maybe you are doing so now). I had that experience with my own yearbook just recently, and, after recoiling from the appalling haircut and ridiculous moustache that define my senior photo, I started to think about what college memories matter most.

First and foremost: friends. They helped me figure out who I am – just as your friends probably did for you during your years at 'Berg. So I remember their jokes, their quirks, the pranks we played on each other (yes! President Helm once played pranks!) with special fondness. Next I think of my professors – the ones who inspired me, sometimes shocked me ("this is not college-level work, Mr. Helm!"), and even old Professor Gould who gave me a "C" in his course after I spilled red wine on his white carpet during a night-before-the-final "symposium". Honestly, I don't remember many particulars of the course content (except Homer and Herodotus, of course) but I do remember the research and problem-solving skills I picked up along the way, as well as the ability to know when I was doing my best (and when I wasn't). And somehow I also learned that, even though the faculty and staff focused their full attention on me throughout my four years on campus, the world is not all about me. I learned that the world expects me to give back, to raise others up, to share what I have been given.

I hope that during our four years together at Muhlenberg I have had a chance to help you in some fashion. If not, I'm sure there are other members of our community who did. And now, whether you are reading this months or years after your graduation, I hope you are equally committed to giving back. It is impossible, of course, to forecast the future. But one thing I can predict with total certainty: Muhlenberg still needs your loyalty, your involvement, your support. In fact, the students who are living here today are counting on it. Come back to visit as often as you can. Stay in touch. Do your bit for 'Berg. And, years from now, try not to laugh too hard at your yearbook photo.

Best wishes,

Randy Helm

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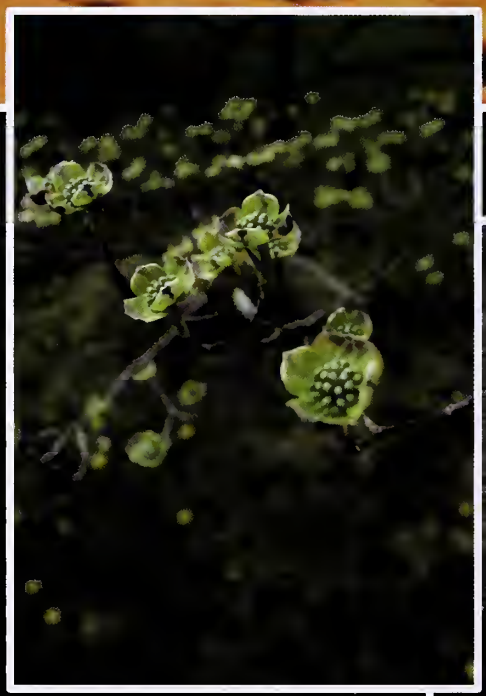
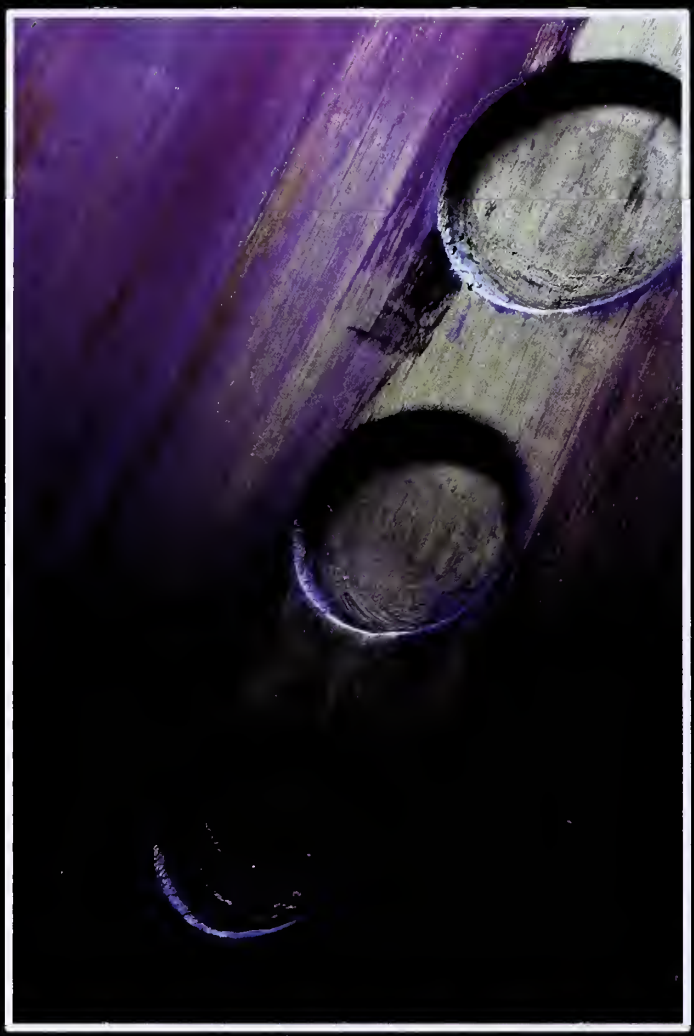
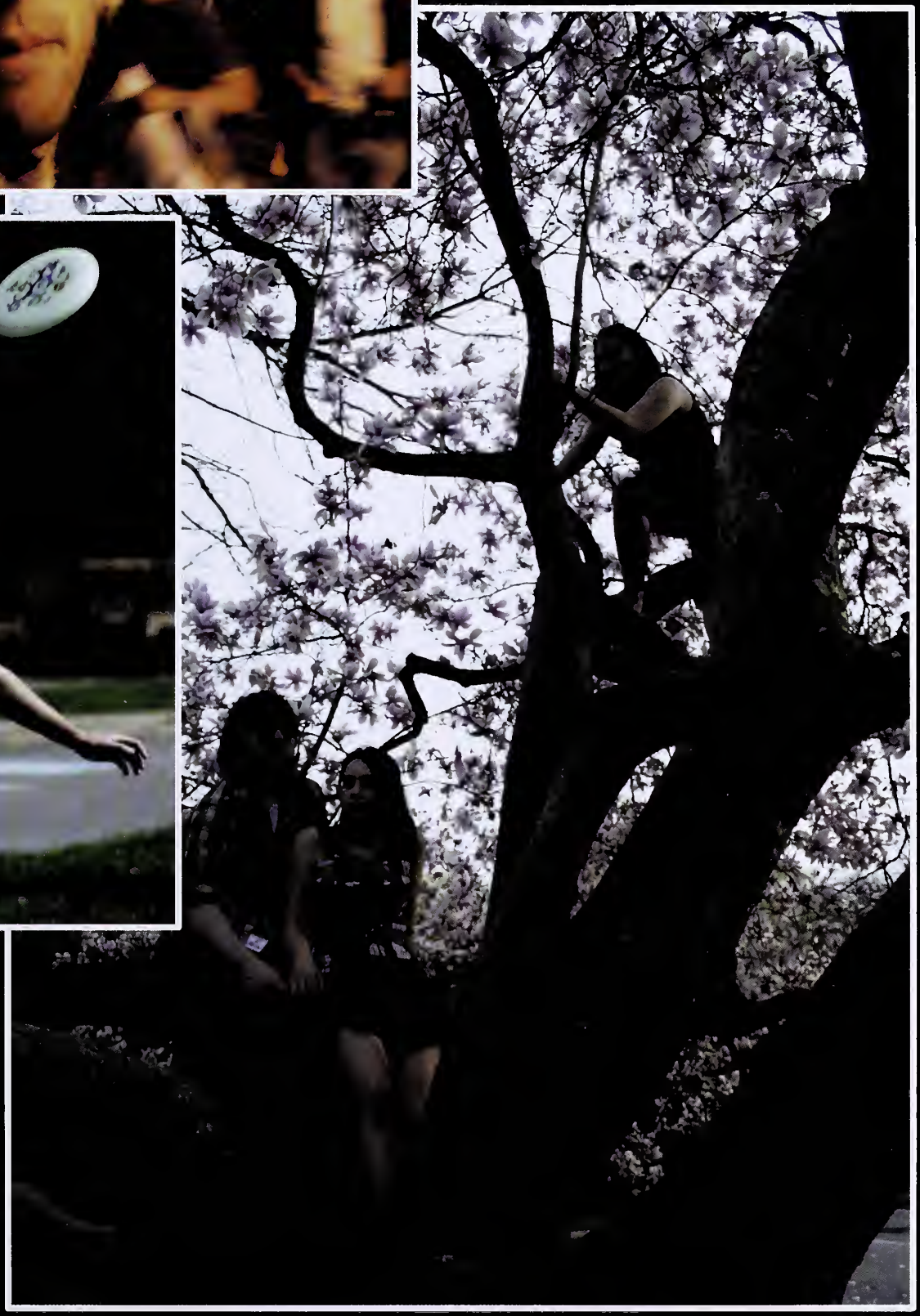
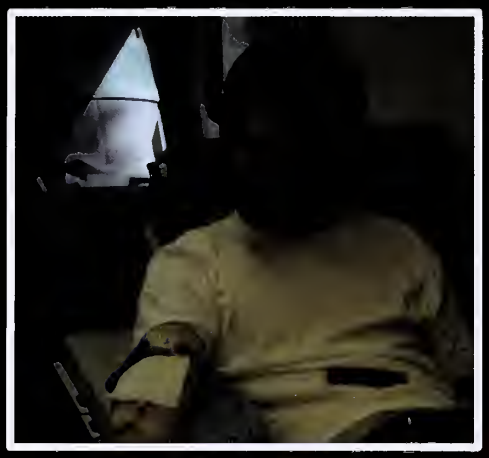






Muhlenberg College Mission Statement

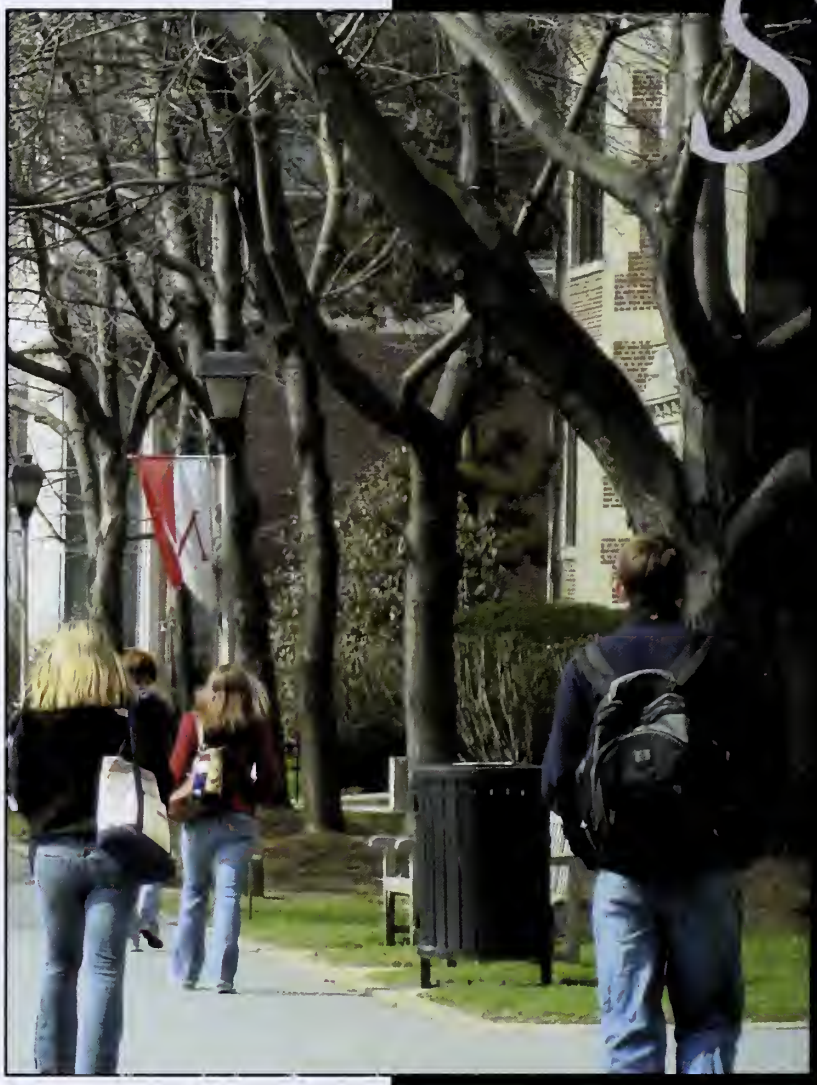
Muhlenberg College aims to develop independent critical thinkers who are intellectually agile, characterized by a zest for reasoned and civil debate, knowledgeable about the achievements and traditions of diverse civilizations and cultures, able to express ideas with clarity and grace, committed to life-long learning, equipped with ethical and civic values, and prepared for lives of leadership and service. The College is committed to providing an intellectually rigorous undergraduate education within the context of a supportive, diverse residential community. We are also committed to educating the whole person through experiences within and beyond the classroom. Our curriculum integrates the traditional liberal arts with selected pre-professional studies. Our faculty are passionate about teaching, value close relationships with students, and are committed to the pedagogical and intellectual importance of research. Honoring its historical heritage from the Lutheran Church and its continuing connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Muhlenberg welcomes and celebrates a variety of faith traditions on campus and encourages members of the College community to value spiritual life.



Student Life

Student Life @ Muhlenberg

Life at Muhlenberg is more than just academics. When walking along academic row, the walkways are lined with banners and flyers representing the numerous events which help to build a community here at the 'Berg. Behind every red door lies the day to day activities of every student. The student body is built upon the lasting core values of Muhlenberg; tradition, community, service, and spirit. Each of these aspects of Muhlenberg helps to shape each individual's college career making student life an valuable piece of the college



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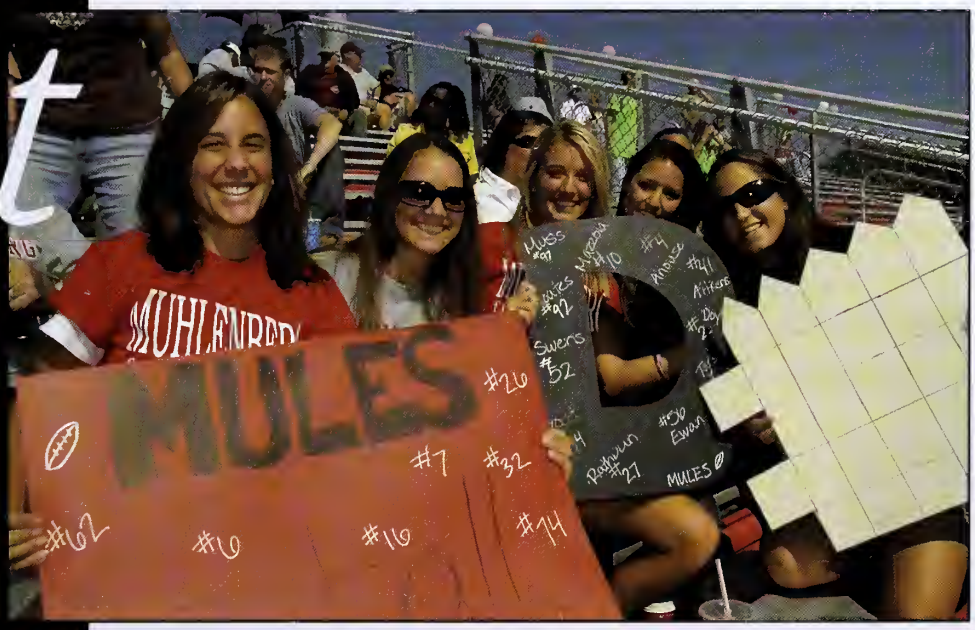


Friends & Family come together

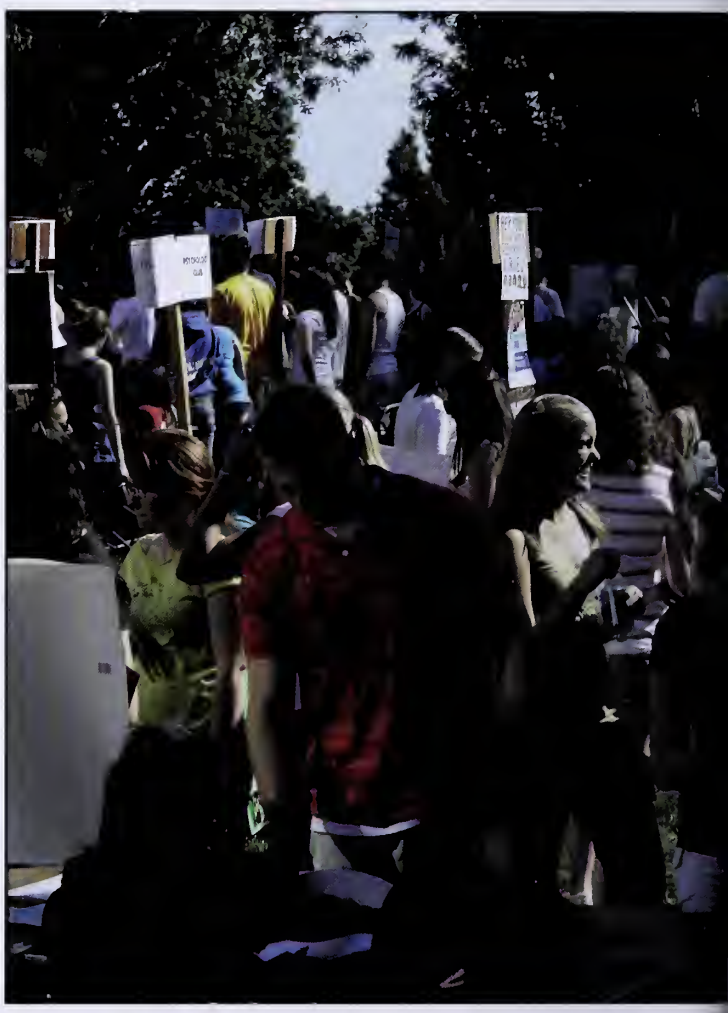
Its a brisk autumn weekend and the campus is filled with families visiting their loved ones at Muhlenberg. Its Family Weekend, a time for families to experience all elements of Muhlenberg ranging from academics to exploring the campus. This three day weekend allows for family members to attend classes while offering various activities for families.

In addition to numerous student group performances and free arts and crafts, as pictured to the right, the Muhlenberg Theater Association put on the annual main stage fall production. This year, the group performed Gilbert & Sullivan's Ruddigore. Ruddigore is an operetta and each cast member showed amazing talent through their singing and acting. On Saturday, the football team played conference rival Dickinson. As the skies began to clear up, the seats of Scotty Wood Stadium began to fill with fans waiting to cheer on the home team. The Mules beat Dickinson 29-24. Families also enjoyed a first year student brunch. The field house was transformed into a large dining hall where families gathered to enjoy each other's company. These events plus many more made this another successful Family Weekend.

Family Weekend

Activites Fair

Getting Involved...



The walkways of the west quad were filled with tables and signs of the numerous clubs and organizations here at Muhlenberg. It was the annual activities fair. Clubs ranging from Yearbook to the MINT* hip-hop dance team set up booths to show students that Muhlenberg is more than academics. All of these student run organizations pride themselves on their teamwork and use this event in order to expand their membership and promote their cause.

This event is a wonderful time for all students, ranging from seniors to freshman to get involved. The blue skies and free smoothies brought out a huge crowd making it another successful event. "The activities fair was a great way for me to be become informed of all of the clubs that Muhlenberg has to offer" said a freshman student, "I'm glad that I had the opportunity to meet some really nice people and get involved."

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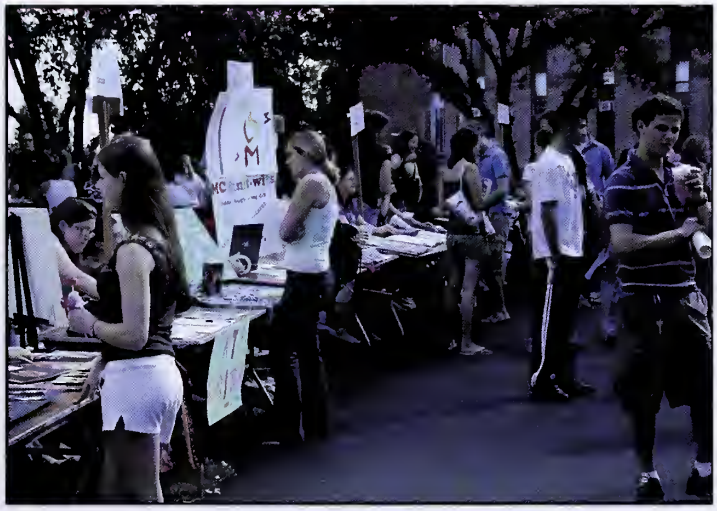

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Spirit Week

Just can't hide that Muhlenberg pride

Its the end of September, meaning that the time has come for Muhlenberg's annual spirit week. Spirit week is a five day event leading up to Homecoming weekend and the coveted Homecoming football game. The campus is alive with students, family, friends and alumni running around preparing events and enjoying their time at Muhlenberg. This weeklong event was filled with various activities showing off the pride and spirit of the Muhlenberg community.

Starting off Spirit Week was an athlete auction. Athletes from a variety of teams were auctioned off in order to raise money for charity. All of the fall varsity teams were represented making it a memorable event. Throughout the week scarecrows lined Academic Row as various campus organizations use creativity and wit to produce original scarecrows. Next up was the powderpuff football game were girls ranging from freshman to seniors battled it out on the football field. For the second year in a row, the senior class took home the victory. Friday night provided a wide range of activities for past and present students. Alumni danced the night away at a dinner with a 1950's theme. Music could be heard coming from the tennis courts until late in the night. A student pep rally in Memorial Hall rounded out the week. All in all, the week showed off Muhlenberg's strong sense of community and filled the campus with pride and cheer.

2007

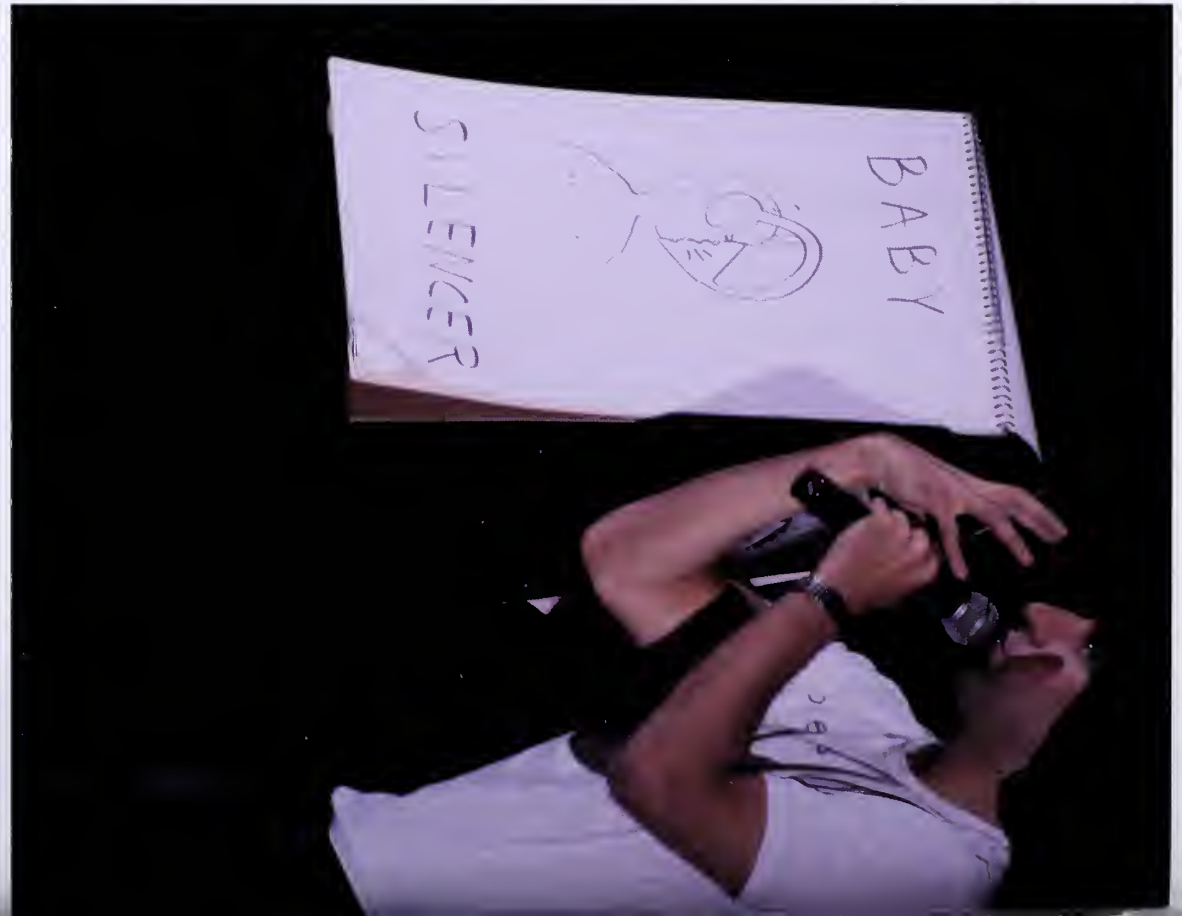
Homecoming

Celebrating 50 Years of Co-Education

After the weeklong festivities of Spirit Week, the homecoming football game is time for celebration and tradition. This game is time for all of the members of the Muhlenberg community to gather and support the Mules as they battle through another tough opponent. Blue skies and sunshine set the scene for a perfect day for this occasion. This game the Mules faced John Hopkins and beat the Blue Jays 28-21.

At half time, the Homecoming court was called onto the field in order to name the Homecoming Queen and King. Unlike previous years where only the court is on the field, this year previous homecoming queens from the past 50 years were also introduced and recognized at center field. 2007 celebrated 50 years of co-education at Muhlenberg, a special event that was celebrated during half time. Numerous queens returned specially for this occasion and they are pictured on the opposite page. Kate Alford was crowned this year's Homecoming Queen while Alexander Corgan was chosen as Homecoming King. The beautiful weather, the Mules winning the game, and celebration of co-education made this a memorable event for all involved.

Demetri Martin



Laughter erupts from a packed gymnasium

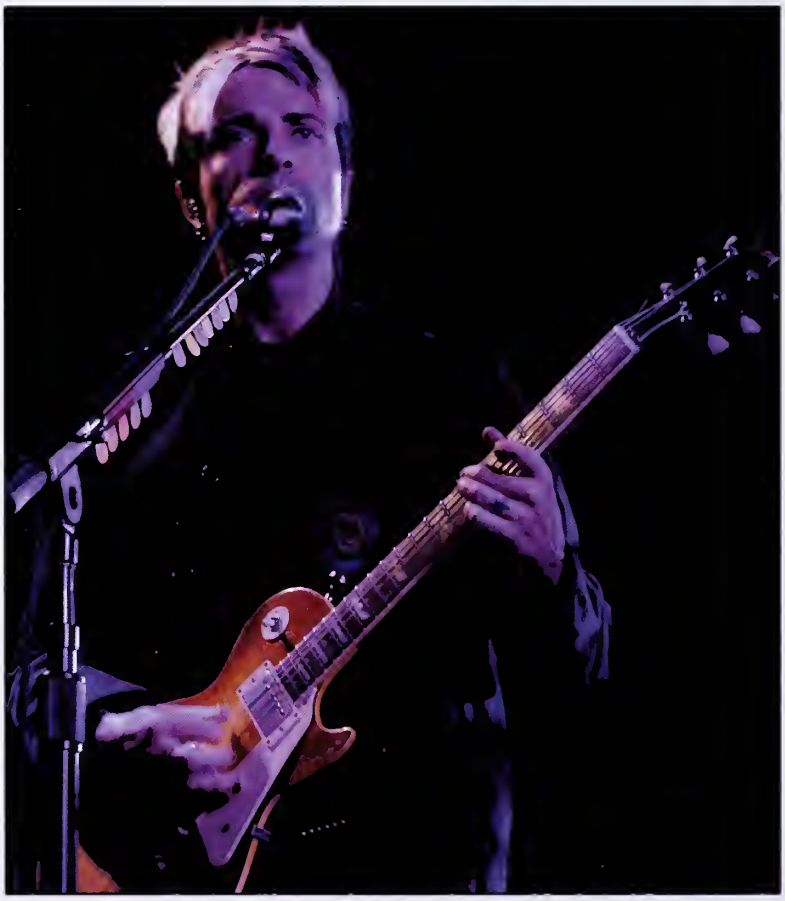
On November 27th, the seats of Memorial Hall were packed with staff, students and friends anxious to see comedian Demetri Martin. Best known for his shows on Comedy Central and voted one of the "25 Funniest People in America" by Entertainment Weekly, Demetri Martin showed off his musical and artist talent in a humorous manner.

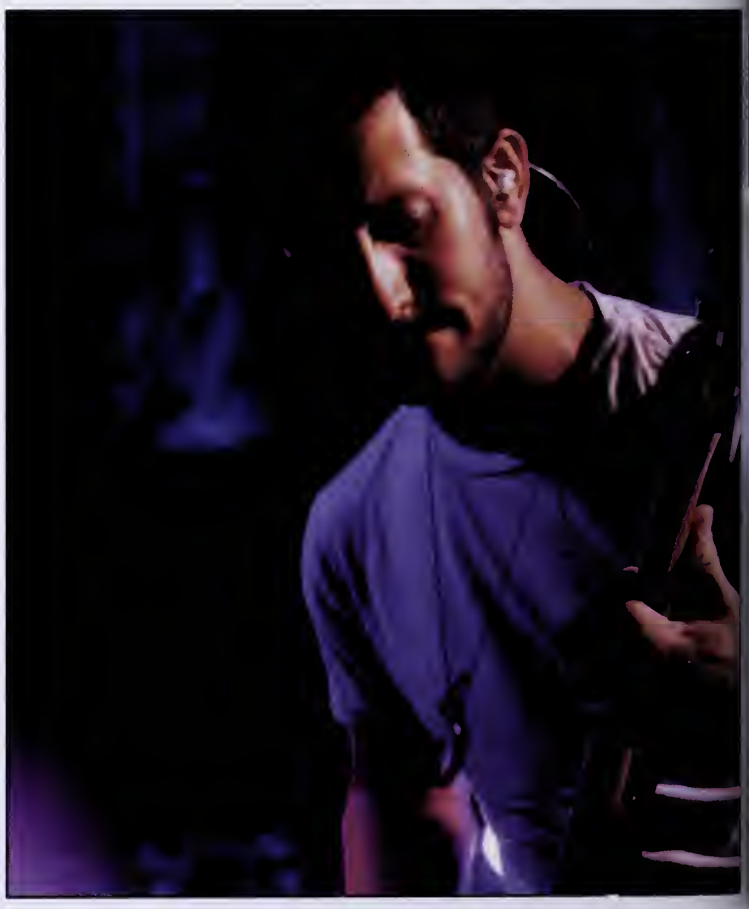
First up was comedian A.D. Miles, (pictured below). With his stripped scarf and book titled *The Single Vegan*, he got the crowd going with his creative jokes. Following his act, Demetri used his flip chart to display some of his creative ideas. With the turn of every page, the audience was laughing harder and harder. By the end of the night the audience was alit with smiles and a good time was had by all who attended.

Third Eye Blind

Rocks down the house with some old favorites

On Sunday April 6th, Memorial Hall was transformed into a rock concert hall in preparation for the arrival of Third Eye Blind. Third Eye Blind or 3eb, performed at Muhlenberg for the college's annual spring concert. Before the main show began, another rock band Absent Star opened up the show with a few of their rock hits. Next up was the main attraction of Third Eye Blind. While most Muhlenberg students were either in elementary or middle school during 3eb's debut CD release, many students were able to sing word for word along with the show since their tunes can be still heard today. Their song list included older favorites such as "Jumper" and "Semi-Charmed Life" while in addition to these songs, the group performed some of their newer music off of their most recent CD. Junior Brittany Rothstein claims that "Third Eye Blind was the perfect band to bring to Muhlenberg! With the incredible energy they brought to their performance it was impossible for anyone not to sing along and dance with the other people. It was evident from their performance that they still love what they do even after so many years, something most would not be able to say. I would definitely see them again!" All in all, Third Eye Blind really rocked down the house.





Talent Show

Performers show off their talents welcoming new students to Muhlenberg

Every year, upperclassmen show off their talents welcoming the new students to Muhlenberg. Like all talent shows, this performance allows for established groups to show off their hard work and skills. These student groups perform with passion and energy and like always put on another entertaining show. This year's groups included singing and dancing troupes. The Copasetic Rhythms is a tap group which flapped their feet to an up-tempo beat and got the crowd involved in their performance. Other performers included MINT* the hip-hop dance team. In their signature army printed pants and black tank tops they got the crowd up to their feet and dancing along. Muhlenberg's Gospel Choir filled the theater with their unique sound. This group combined the traditional style of gospel music with a contemporary sound. The faces of the freshman were glowing with interest as they watched all of these performances. The excitement from the crowd and talented performers make this a welcomign event for all students.

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Relay for Life

Walking with hope and courage

Every year, Muhlenberg College sponsors a Relay for Life event. Relay is a 12 hour walk in which teams take turns walking in order to raise money and awareness for cancer. This year the gloomy weather did not stop the event from being another successful fundraiser. There were 60 teams that participated at specifically at Muhlenberg. Teams were composed of students, faculty and other members of the Muhlenberg community.

Muhlenberg College's EMS was the top fundraising team and raised over 4,000 dollars to be donated to the American Cancer Society. Overall, the event raised over 30,000 dollars making it the most successful Relay for Life event in the Lehigh Valley. Throughout the day various student groups performed, and dinner was moved outside, showing Muhlenberg's commitment and support for this wonderful event.

Alternative Spring

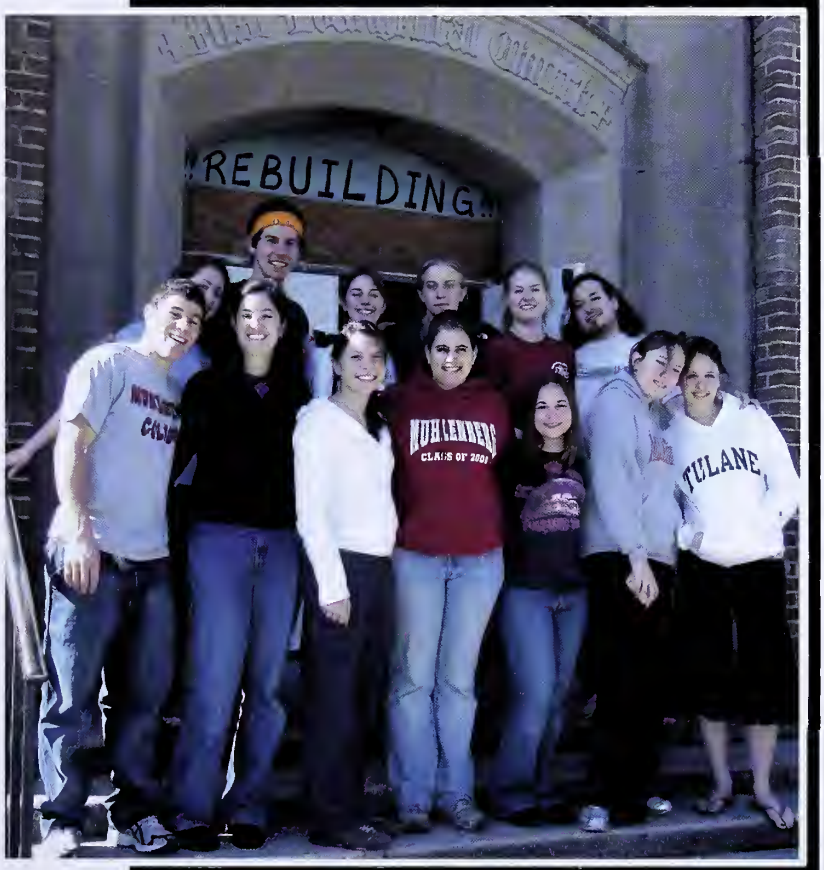
Rockbridge, Virginia

From painting to power tools, installations to foundations. This is a different kind of fun in the sun from the typical kick back and relax Spring Break tradition. Nine of Muhlenberg's co-eds opted to head to Virginia to spend their Spring Break working with Habitat for Humanity, meeting some incredible people who do this work everyday along the way. Over the course of the week these students contributed to the construction of five homes while working side by side with the the very deserving future owners. This experience allowed them not only to make a difference, but to get to know first hand the people whose lives that their hard work would change forever.

Break

ew Orleans, Louisiana

In addition to Virginia, 13 individuals veled to New Orleans to help rebuild mes. Besides student, Beth Halpern who is community service chair also attended. group stayed for 10 days and boarded the First Unitarian Universalist Church of w Orleans. The church set up a unteer center with three bunk-style ms, a kitchen and common area/dining a upstairs. The group was split into two rk groups. One of the groups worked h an organization called NENA ighborhood Empowerment Network sociation) and they cleared lawns and rked on houses. The other group worked various projects including an arts center, nting gardens, and did some work within church itself.



A night at the Henrys is filled with good performances and lots of laughs

This year marked the tenth annual Henry Awards making it a truly special occasion. The award show was hosted in Memorial Hall as the gym was lined with tables and numerous lights hung from the ceiling illuminating the show. The night started off with a cocktail hour in the solar corridor with various appetizers and drinks. Following this event, everyone was ushered into the gym and the night of awards began.

One of the most memorable moments of the night was when Celia Kam won the Henry for People's Choice Support Staff. Celia works in the Garden Room and is known across campus for her friendly demeanor and caring attitude for the students. All in all , the tenth Henry Awards was unforgettable night filled with great performances and memorable speeches.

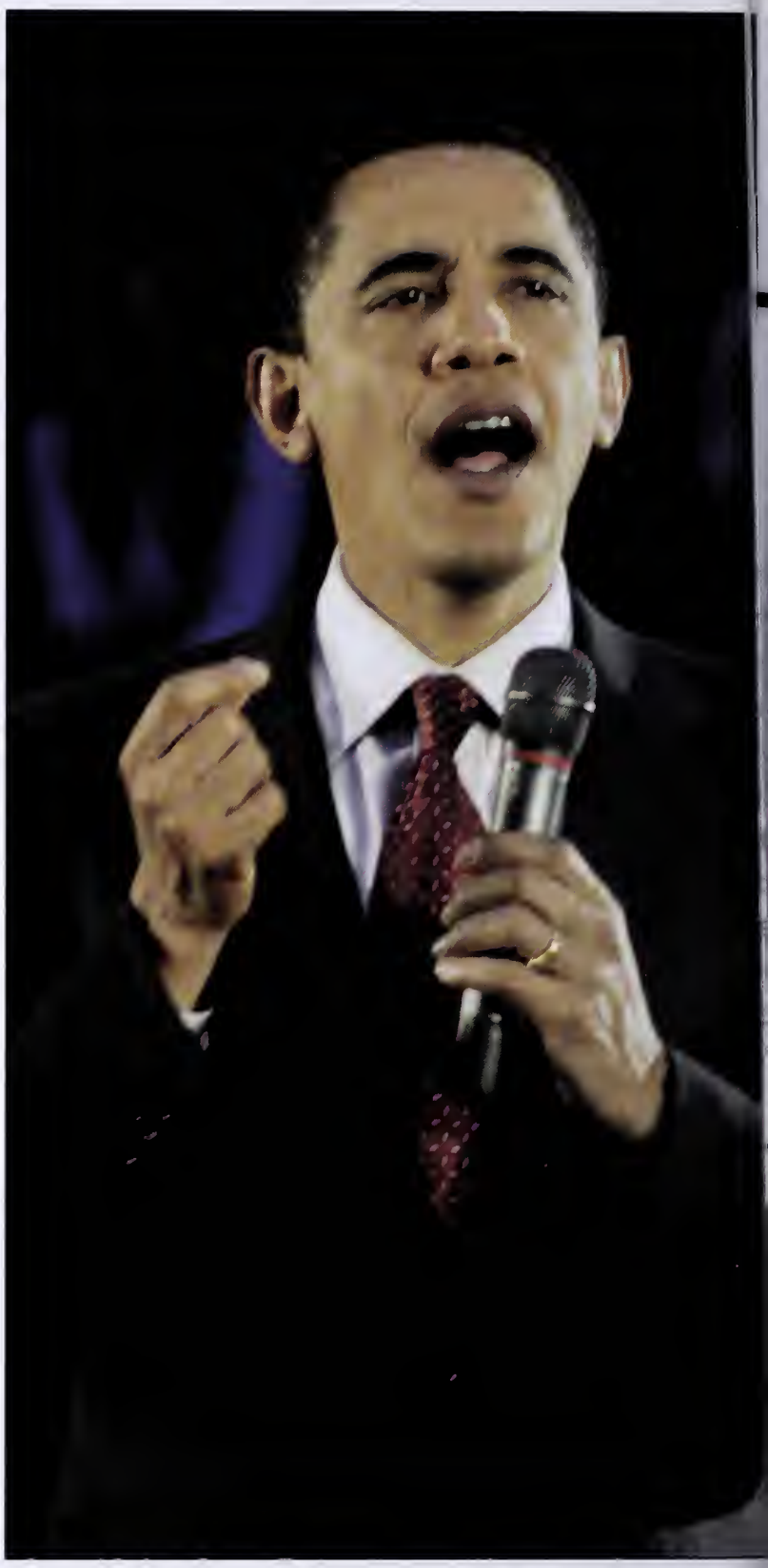
Henry Awards

Clean and Green was the Class of 2009's first community service event in which multiple groups across campus, including Greek organizations, religious, service and other clubs, came together to clean Cedar Beach Park in Allentown. More then 80 students participated in what we hope will become an annual event.

Community Clean & Green

Muhlenberg Idol

Muhlenberg Idol was an incredible event. It was co-sponsored by the Class of 2009 Council and the Muhlenberg College Pep Band. Both organizations played a crucial role throughout the entire process. Idol united the entire campus community as all class years, several Greek organizations, theater, and a variety of majors were represented among the contestants; faculty and administration served as the judges. It was highly anticipated event and was extremely well received by the students and staff, as the Great Room was filled beyond capacity that Friday night. Overall it was a very successful event! Idol has started a new trend of events for the campus. This award would be shared by the contestants, fans, judges, and everyone who made Muhlenberg Idol a huge success.

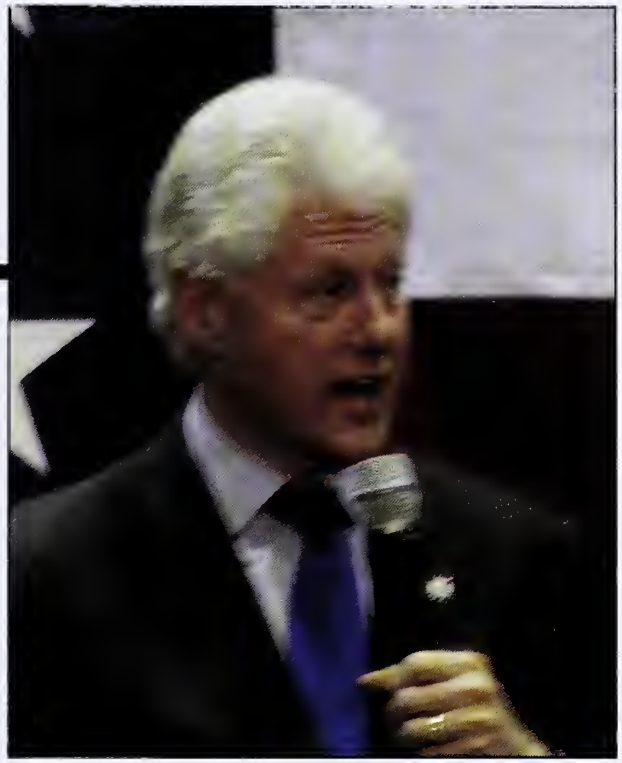


Presidential hopeful sparks an energetic crowd

Following the arrival of former President Bill Clinton, presidential hopeful Barack Obama also visited Muhlenberg College. The seats of Memorial Hall were not only filled with collegiate students from the Leigh Valley, but thousands of community members and a few members of the Pennsylvania state government were also in attendance. The diverse crowd forced Obama to speak very plainly and address issues which that were important to all members of the crowd. Similar to Clinton's arrival, this speaker was also sponsored by the College Democrats, whose hard work and time allowed for people of all ages throughout the Leigh Valley to hear the senator's message and goals for the future.

Barack Obama

Bill Clinton

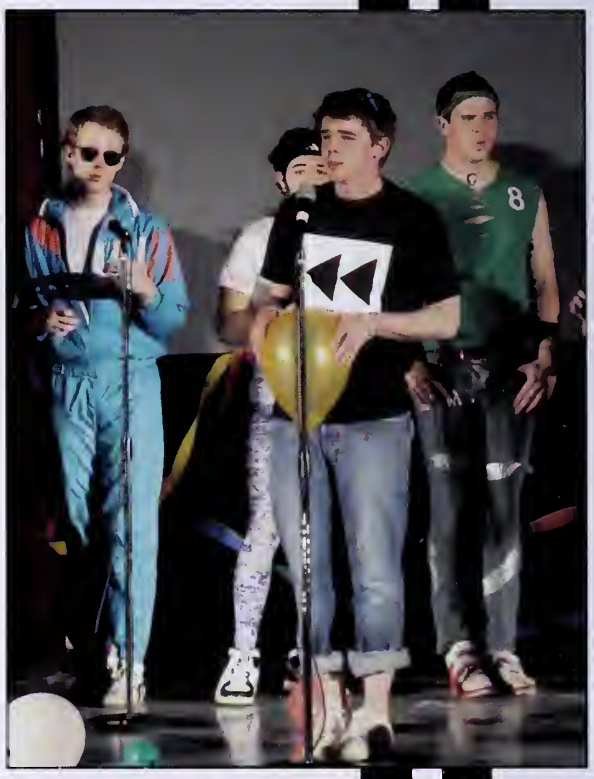


Thousands attend a lecture by the 42nd President

On Wednesday, March 19th 2008, the bleachers of emorial Hall began to fill with thousands of students, culty, and members of the surrounding community. ge American flags hung from the gymnasium rafters hile Secret Service personnel monitored the hallways. l of these individuals were anxiously awaiting to hear illiam Jefferson Clinton, the 42nd President of the United States deliver a speech. After arriving a le late, President Clinton entertained the crowd with stories from his candidacy while explaining ary Clinton's running platform. One student who attended the rally described the event as "a eat way for students to become active in political affairs since it is just as important for the unger generations to vote and become politically active." The event, sponsored by the ollege Democrats, was a political rally, encouraging Pennsylvania voters to cast their vote for his fe, Hilary Clinton in the upcoming Democratic Primary. While Muhlenberg College does not dorse any political candidate, the event was a great event for both Republicans and emocrats alike.

AcapellaFest

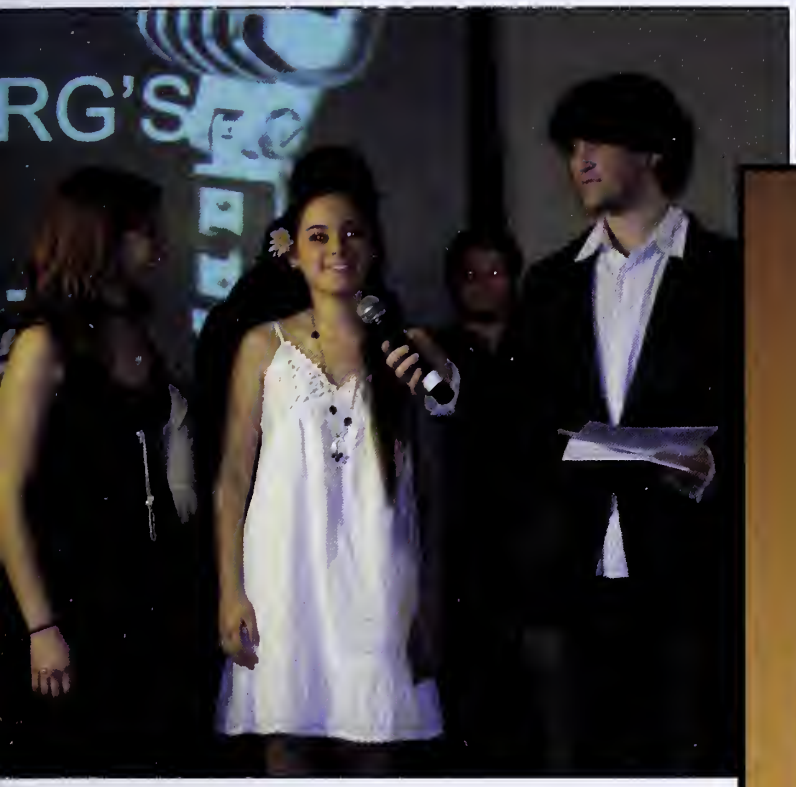
Good tunes make for a great time



With all of the talented a capella groups on Muhlenberg's campus, it's not uncommon to be serenaded by at least one of them while going about your daily routine and passing through Seeger's. On April 15th, these spectacular performers joined together for the benefit of a great cause.

Four hours of acapella, lots of entertainment and fun for the whole campus -- these performers used their gift to bring a gift to others. All of the money raised on this musically loaded Saturday night went to buy instruments for the Allentown school district and enhance their music program. And the gift of music keeps on giving.

Muhlenberg's Got Talent!



Students strut their talents for a cause

During the middle of March, the Great om was transformed into a stage where udents performers of various talents were couraged to get up and perform their talents. is show was a spin off from America's Got lent and leading up to the show there was ditions, and online voting. The live show tailed performances by the top online te-getters, and judged by e audience and a panel of dges who included Dr. remy Teissere, Dean Karen een and Mike Bruckner. hile the winners of the mpetition received 1,000 llars cash prize, the event sed 2000 dollars for Zichron enachem, an Israeli sociation for Children with ncer and their families.

Mr. Muhlenberg

Berg's finest men compete for the coveted title

Once again, it is time to crown this year's Mr. Muhlenberg. This competitive pageant show was filled with a variety of contestants and performances. Talents ranged from musical performances, fine acting, dancing and of course impersonations. All of the contestants were very enthusiastic and highly entertaining. They used their charisma and charm to entertain the crowd. From the men in quirky bathing suits and blow up pools to hilarious skits, this year's show was full of unexpected surprises.

This year's winner was junior John Schocken. Schocken describes the event as "...a lot of fun and everyone put out a great show. It was wonderful to be able to have the work I put into my presentations pay off!! It couldn't have happened without the '09 Council's help and support from all the students! We'll just have to sit tight and wait to see who I'll have to pass the crown onto next year!" All in all, by the end of the night, all of the contestants had tons of fun and the show was enjoyed by every member in the audience!

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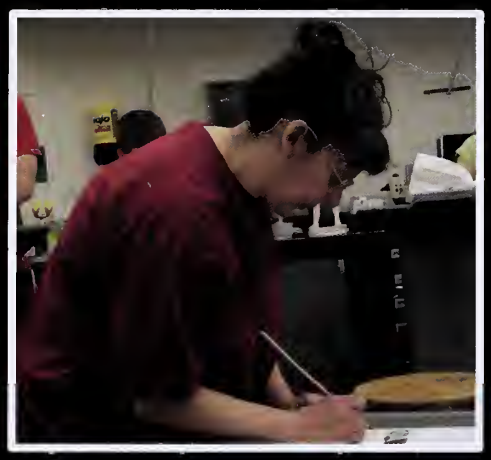
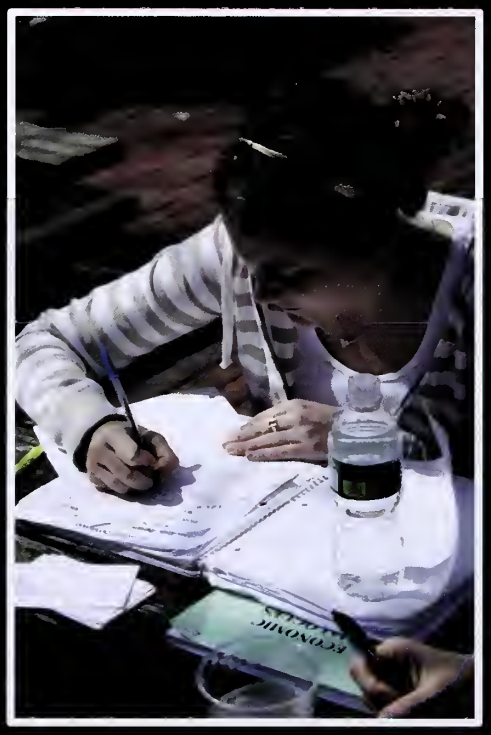
Celebrating 50 Years of Co-education

This year marks the 50th anniversary of co-education at Muhlenberg College. Until 1957, the college had been an all-male school for the past 109 years. During the first year of co-education there were only 123 females enrolled in the college in comparison with over 800 males. Today, over 50 percent of the college's population is female. Throughout the entire school year, there have been events celebrating this landmark occasion.

Over the homecoming weekend, 19 past homecoming queens returned and were recognized at the half-time of the football game. In addition to the homecoming game, Dr. Shirley Tilghman, President of Princeton University, spoke to the Muhlenberg community. This speaker focused on academic side of this year's celebration, and Dr. Tilghman embodied women's accomplishments over the last 50 years.

Another all-day event which occurred to celebrate co-education was a celebration that included science research poster presentations, a Wescoe School Open House, student music/dance performances, and a Meet the Faculty/Emeriti Faculty session. Following all of these wonderful events was a spectacular fireworks display, pictured to the right. The campus was alight with the bright colors of the fireworks marking this year as a great milestone for the Muhlenberg community.





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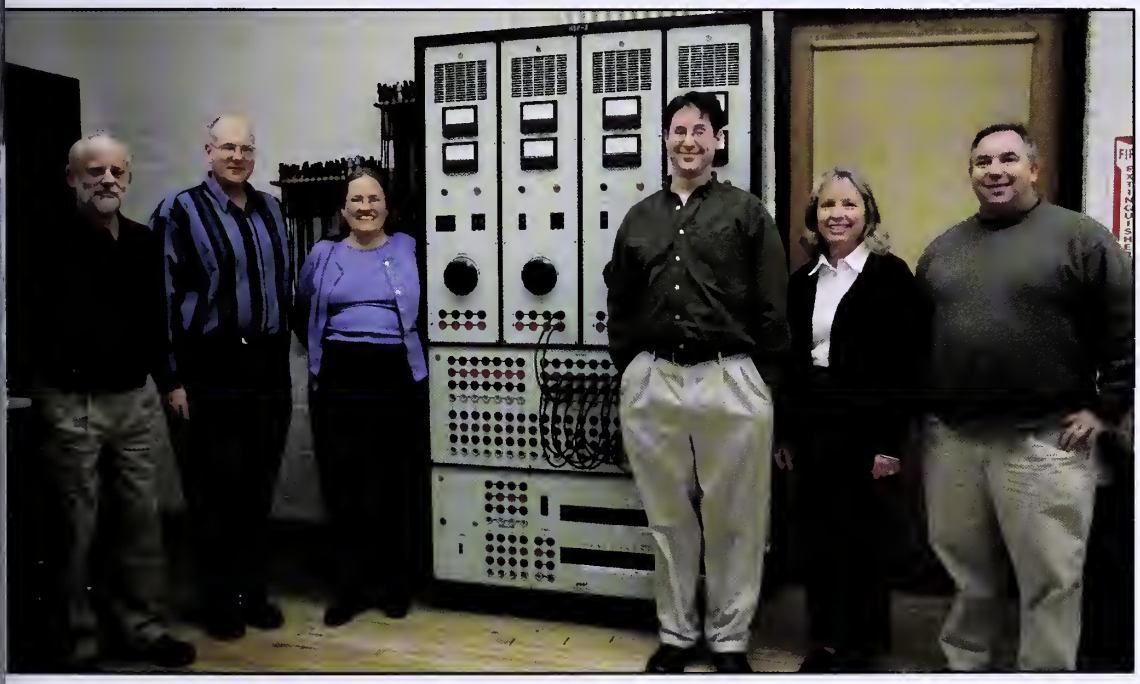

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Music

Music Department: Dr. Douglas Ovens, Dr. Theodore Conner, Dr. Diane Follet, Jeremy Slavin, Patricia Helm, Annie Petit, and Daniel Boring.

Philosophy

Philosophy Department: Dr. Christine Sistare, Dr. Theodore Schick, Dr. Ludwig Schlecht, Dr. Patrice DiQuinzio, Dr. Lawrence Hass, Dr. Marjorie Hass, Dr. Thomas Gardner, Dr. Vivian Walsh, Steven Soutinho and Dr. Matthew MacKenzie.

Chemistry

Chemistry Department: Dr, Donald Shive, Dr. Bruce Anderson, Dr. Marsha Baar, Dr. Keri Colabroy, Dr. Christine Ingersoll, Dr. Joseph Keane, Dr. Charles Russell, Dr. Jason Kelsey, Dr. Marion Smith, Sujata Jagota, Elaine Gannon, LuAnn Feist and Winifred Sell.

Political Science

Political Science Department: Maureen Bayraktar, Dr. Christopher Borick, Dr. Jack Gambino, Dr. Mohsin Hashim, Dr. Christopher Herrick, Dr. Lanethea Matthews-Gardner, Dr. Brian Mello, Dr. Michele Moser Deegan, and Dr. Alton Slane.

History

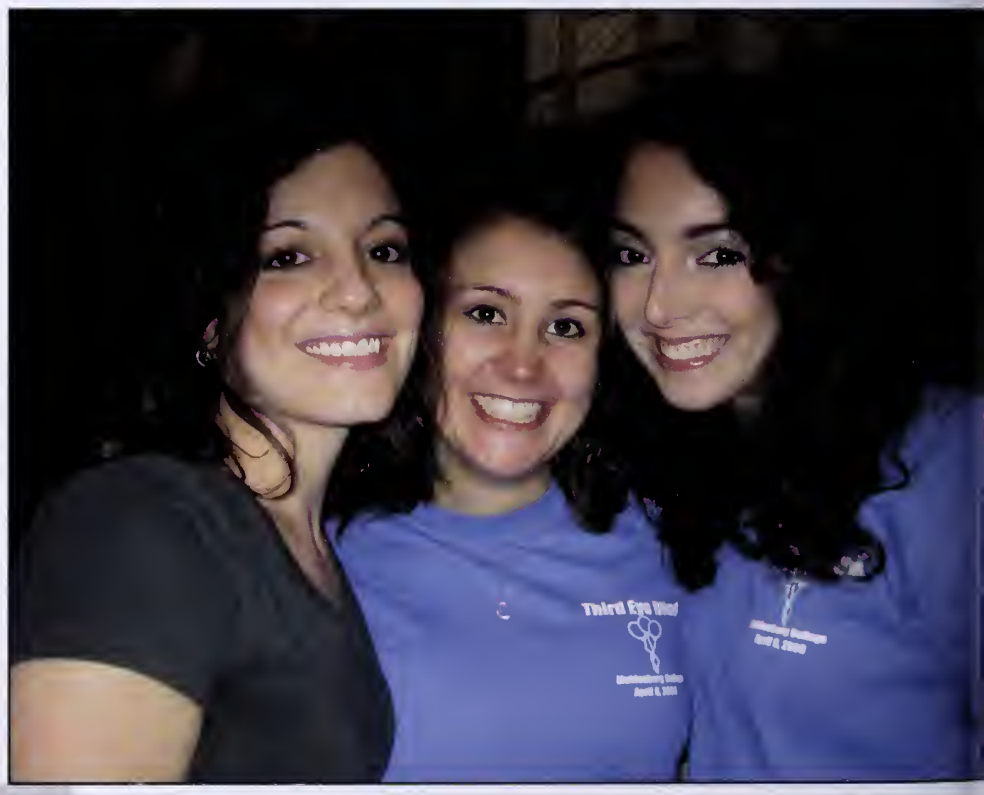
History Department: Dr. John Malsberger, Dr. Anna Adams, Susan Clemens, Dr. Thomas Cragin, Dr. Robert Croskey, Dr. Judith Ridner, Dr. Mark L. Stein, Dr. William Tighe and Dr. Daniel Wilson.

English

English Department: Dr. James D. Bloom, Linda Miller, Dr. Grant Scott, Dr. Thomas Cartelli, Dr. Francesca Coppa, Dr. Barri Gold, Dr. Mary Lawlor, Dr. Alec Marsh, Dr. Jill Stephen, Dr. David Rosenwasser, and Elizabether Rose.

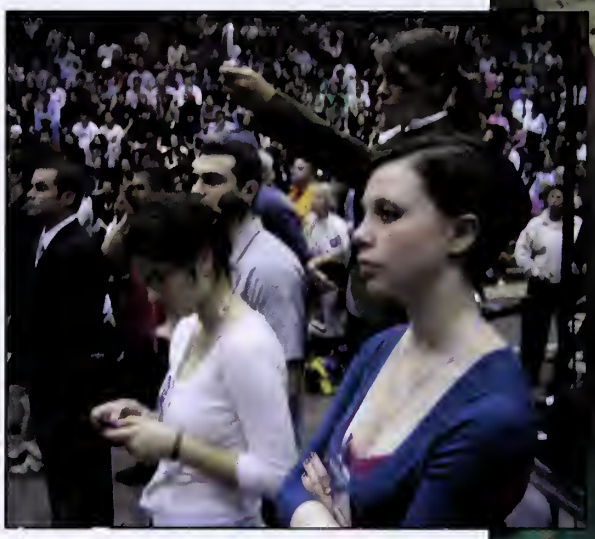
Underclassmen

Theatre, volunteering and student involvement are three components of Muhlenberg underclassmen life. Students can be seen on stage, helping children or gearing up for a show.



One student tries to race by her opponent on the rugby field while a few juniors ponder about the various aspects of their schooling and extra activities.

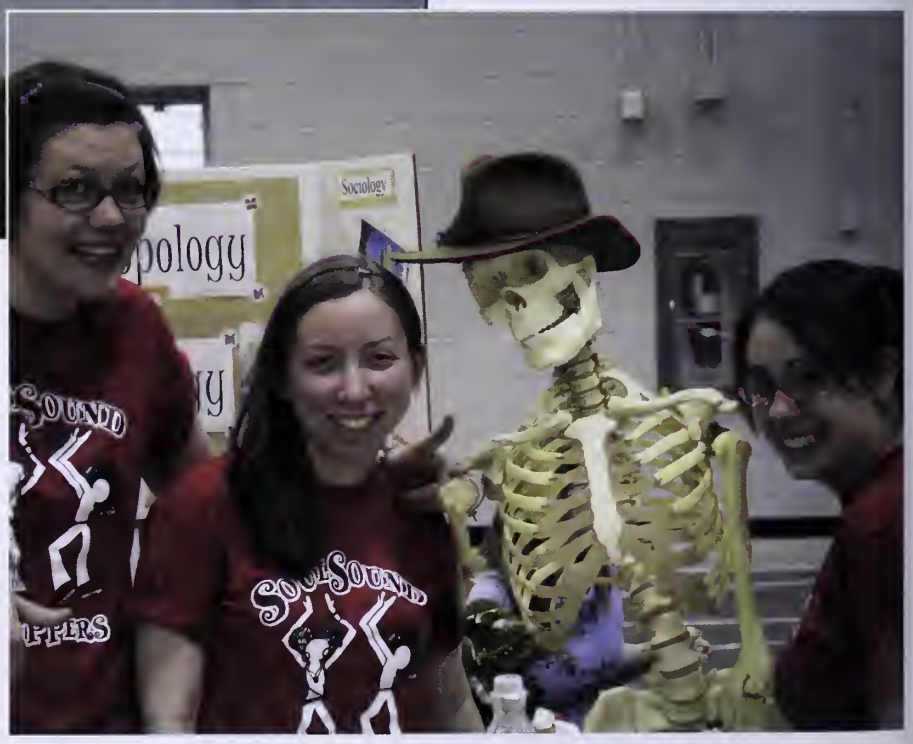
Underclassmen



Muhlenberg students participate in a wide range of activities and each event helps to shape their college experiences, and introduce them to a wide range of ideas and people.

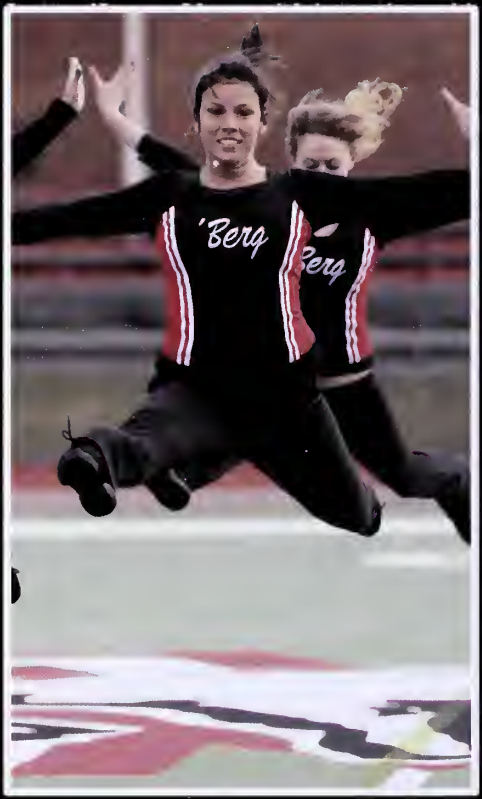
While the Class of 2010 enjoyed free smoothies at the fall activities fair, two students raced around the gym during President Clinton's visit, trying to collect supporters.

Underclassmen



From frisbee, to singing, to hanging out with skeletons, the possibilities are endless for underclassmen on campus.

While academics remain a top priority for many students, the student body stays active and involved by participating in extra activities and even the political rallies.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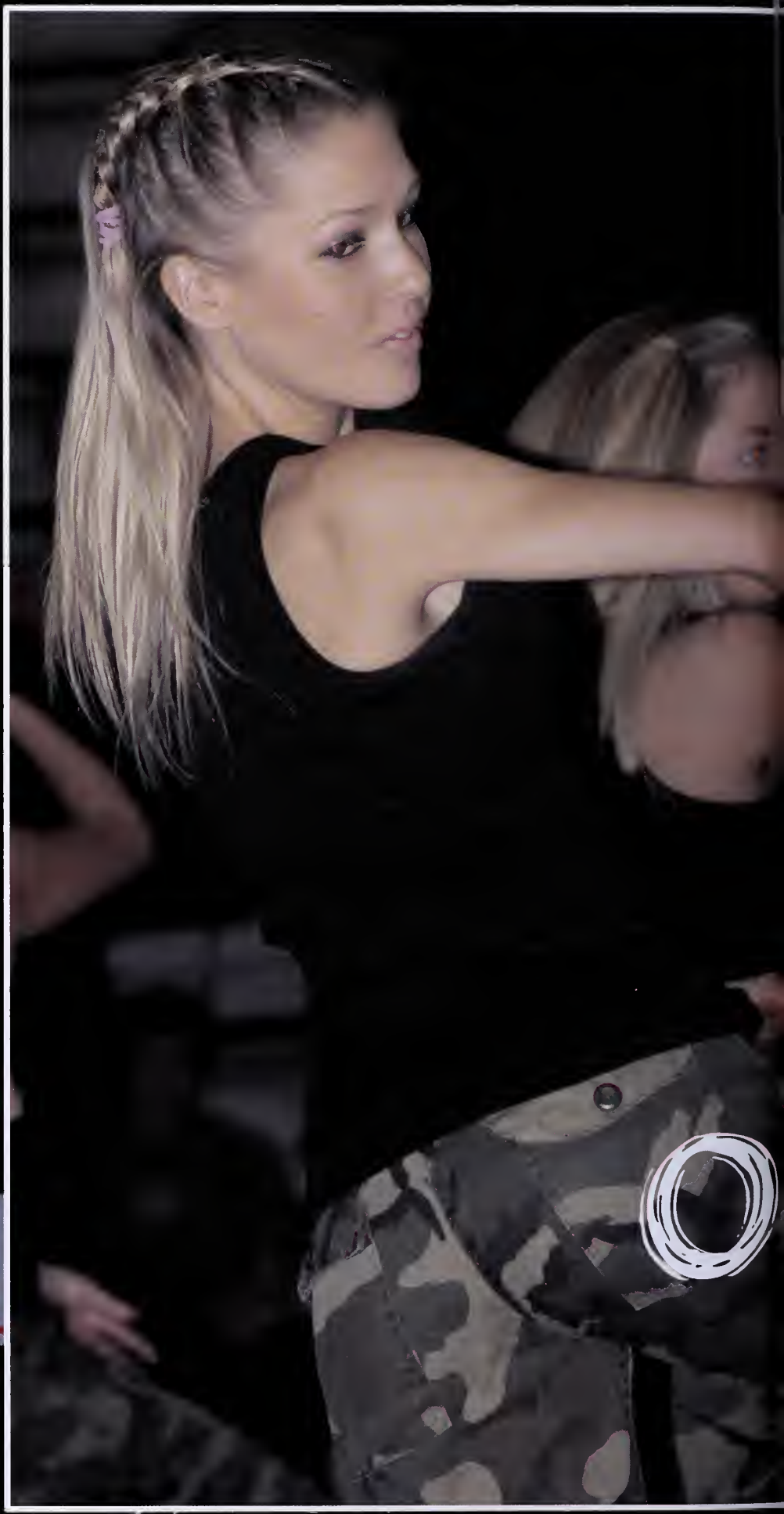

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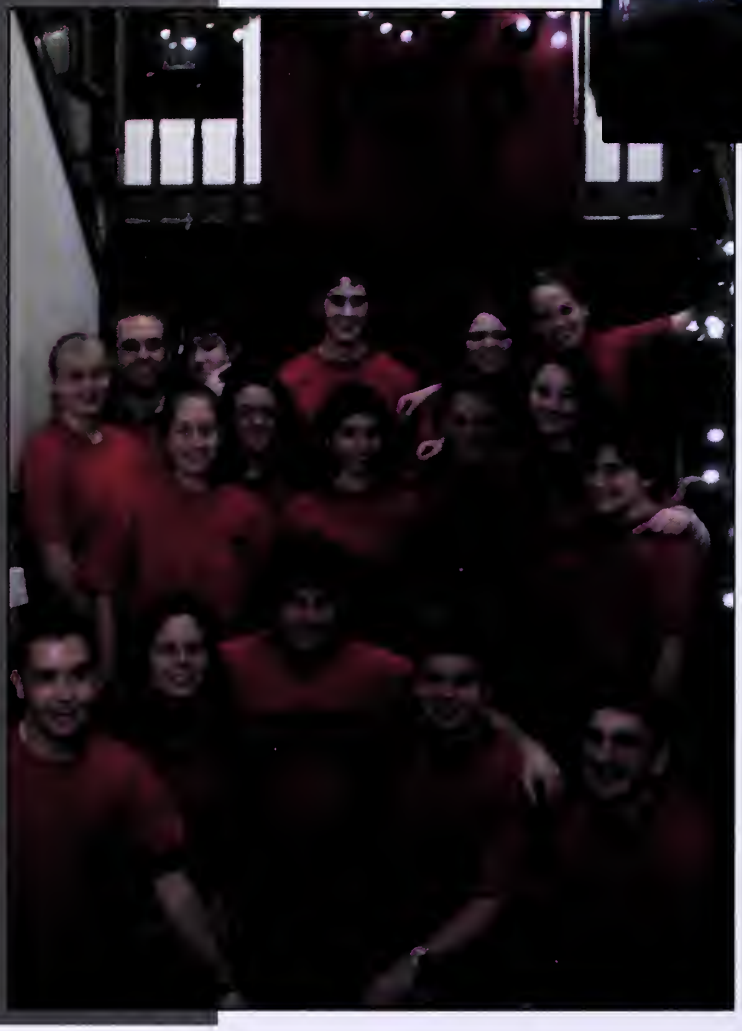
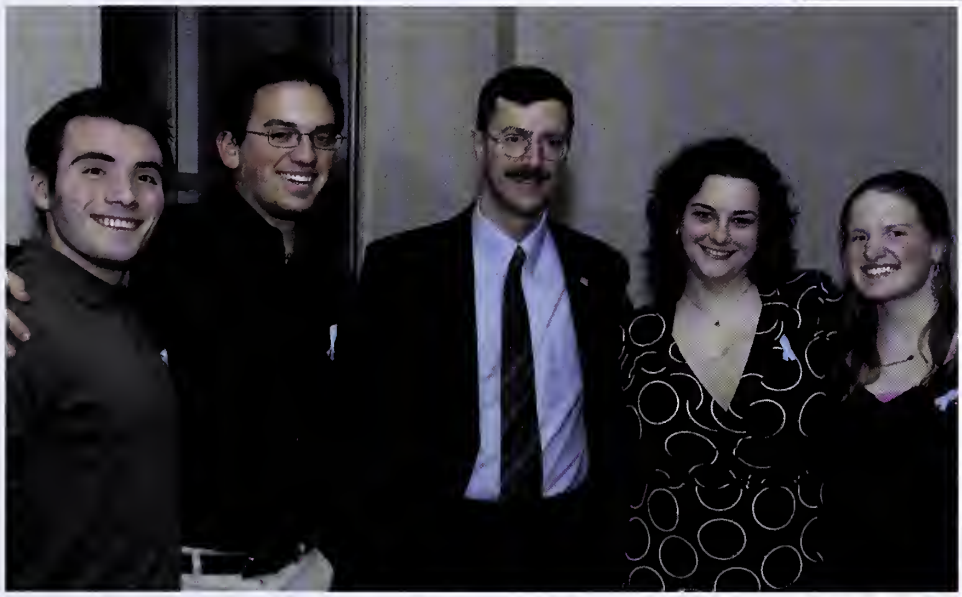
Pep Band



The Muhlenberg College Pep Band was founded by Matthew Fash in November of his Freshmen Year. With the help of Jeff Levy and Mike Fau the band grew. The Pep Band is comprised of students from all class years and an alum. The Pep Band has been awarded Organization of the Year two years in a row at the Henry Awards. The Pep Band has performed at football, men's and woman's basketball, soccer, wrestling, ice hockey games, and various other campus events. The band plays a variety of songs including Iron Man, Carry On My Wayward Son, and a crowd favorite, the Hey Song. The Pep Band also plays the college's very own fight song, "Old Gray Bonnet." This year the Pep Band was honored to be sponsored by Dr. Larry Glazerman, Class of 1972, an original member of the Pep Band.

Cystic Fibrosis on Campus

ystic Fibrosis on Campus or CFC is committed to spreading awareness and raising oney to help battle Cystic Fibrosis. Started in 2006, CFC has grown to become a ery successful club here on campus. Each fall, CFC sponsors a Cystic Fibrosis wareness week which raises money to help find a cure for this disease. Events clude a dorm storm, various fund-raisers and an acapella concert at the begining the week. In February individuals purchase tickets for the annual benefit dinner nd all donations collected roughout the year are then onated to the Cystic Fibrosis oundation. This year, the club ised 5,000 dollars as a result their awareness week and rough the selling of light blue istbands which are stamped th the "Cystic Fibrosis on ampus" logo. Pictured on the ht is the executive board th their advisor, Dr. Michael ber of the math department.



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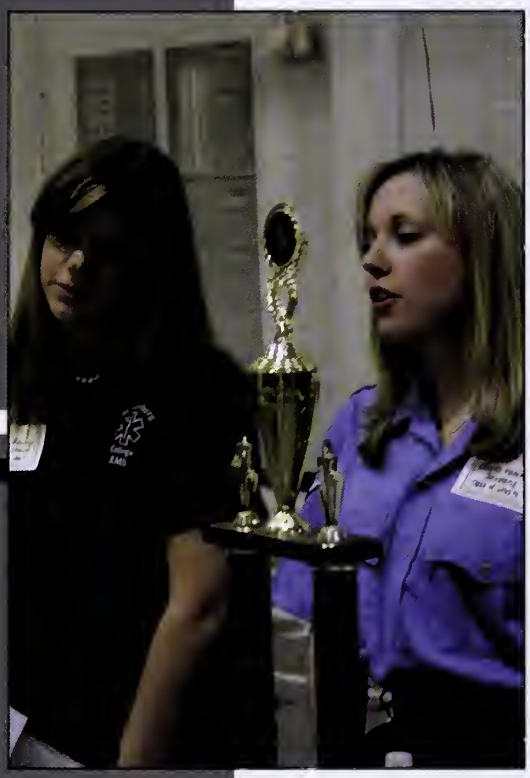
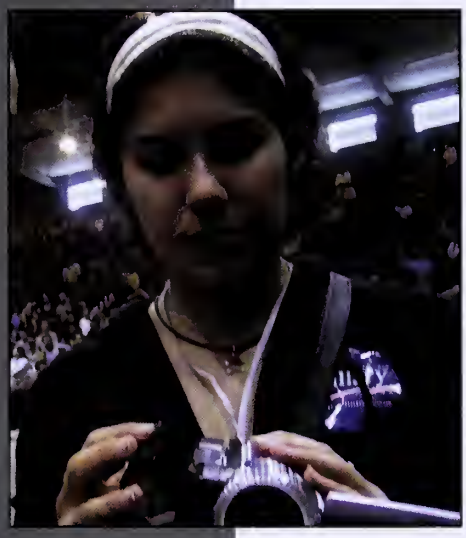


Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Service is a student-run volunteer organization committed to providing professional pre-hospital care to the Muhlenberg College Community. MCEMS participates in yearly activities such as a mock DUI accident during Choice Week. Scott Gordon is being taken away from the accident on a stretcher while the girls on the left explain about their organization to up and coming students at Through the Red Doors.

MCTV



Muhlenberg College Television or MCTV, is currently the only student run television program on campus. Each week, students film and compose various stories to be aired on Channel 21, a station available to all college students. Stories range from a cooking show to showing footage from large campus events. In both pictures members of MCTV are recording live footage of Bill Clinton's speech in order to produce a story.

Student Council

:very Thursday night, they can be found on the third floor of the Haas building, creating new programs which will benefit the entire student body. Council is composed of various committees including: Athletics, Finance, Dining, Campus & Community Affairs, Academics, & Campus Safety. The functions of these committee range from serving as an ambassador for the Student Body to the faculty and staff of the College to acting as a bridge between the Office of Information Technology and the Student Body in order to help keep the Muhlenberg Campus updated with current technology. This year, the executive board was composed of senior Scott Gordon who served as Student Body President. The following positions were filled by Lisa Harrison, as Vice President, Michelle Yost , Executive Secretary, Barrie Schessler , Treasurer, and Sara Keller, Recording Secretary.

Women's Rugby

The Women's Rugby Team is a club that plays other Division III and II schools in the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union (EPRU). The majority of the team begins with absolutely no previous experience, however, the girls have fun learning the game and competing against other teams. This year, the team had a very successful season finishing second in their division. The team went undefeated in the regular seasc beating schools from all across Pennsylvania. Their winning record gave them a top seed ir their division for the Women's Collegiate Playoffs. The team was lead by seniors Kate Alford and Janis Coughlin, and teammate Debra Crockett describes them as "amazing people whose leadership and dedication was extremely motivational and made playing rugby that much more fun."

Chemistry Club

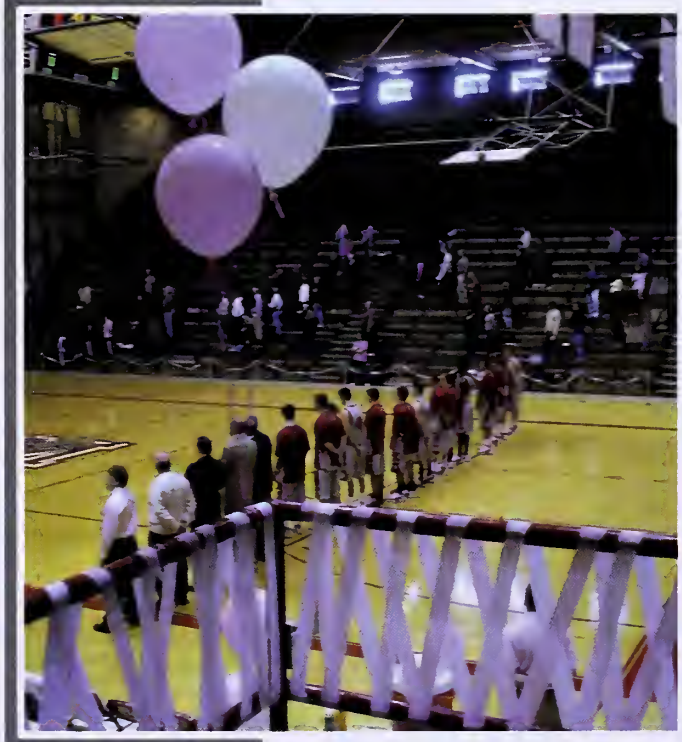
The Chemistry Club combines education with fun activities and very interesting experiments. The group is made up of 16 members and their advisor is Bruce Anderson. Each member of the club enjoys having fun with chemistry while visiting labs, graduate schools, and putting on shows for kids. Each year the club decorates a scarecrow for Homecoming week who is pictured to the right.

AcaFellas

The AcaFellas are Muhlenberg's all-male a cappella group, featuring a diverse repertoire of music and specializing in entertaining audiences with a blend of musical talent, casual fun, and occasional humor. Formed around 2002, the group has grown in size and their following has also greatly increased. The singing troupe has 17 members, who come from all different majors and areas of concentration. Recently the males have been traveling to other schools to perform, including two trips to Washington D.C. Also, the group is currently in the process of recording their second CD. They are best known for combining good music and entertaining performances.

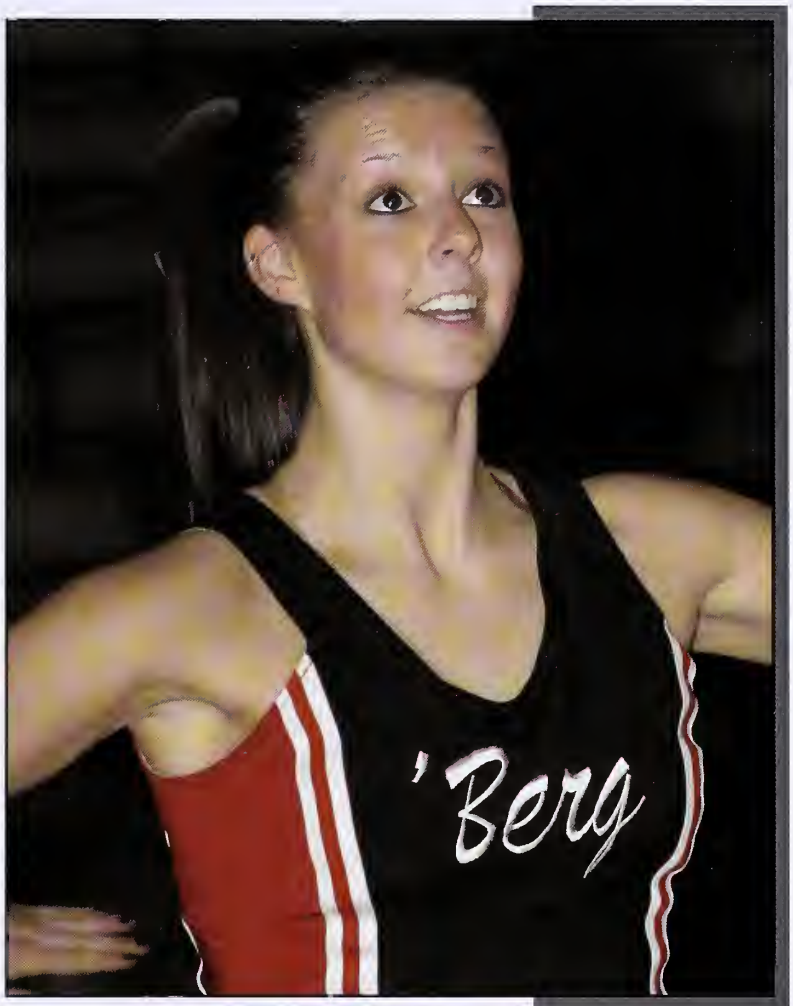
Colleges Against Cancer

Colleges Against Cancer or better known as CAC, has grown to be one of the largest groups on campus. CAC is dedicated to raising campus awareness about cancer issues. The group organizes monthly activities in three components including Cancer Education, Advocacy and Survivorship. CAC also holds various fund-raisers during the year and all profits are donated to the American Cancer Society. Besides the monthly awareness programs, CAC also helps to sponsor Relay for Life, an event which occurs on campus every April. Pictured to the left, are images taken this year from an event titled "Think Pink." This national event was to raise awareness and money for breast cancer. Basketball teams across the country wore pink to show their support to finding a cure for breast cancer. In total the Muhlenberg community raised over 500 dollars and CAC member Kaitlyn Archibald commented "I am really proud of how the basketball came together and showed their support for a worthwhile cause."



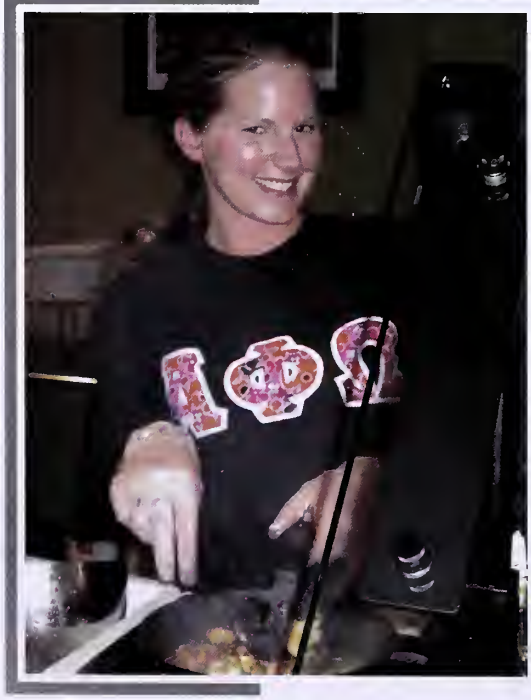
Perkulators

The Perkulators are a student-run dance team with a membership of twenty highly trained dancers. This dance squad performs at the half times of football, basketball games, and entertain the fans at many other home sporting events throughout the year. In addition to performing at half times, the Perks also perform at other venues on campus such as the Henry Awards and the annual Talent Show. Their performances are fresh, fun, clean, and upbeat in order to keep the campus motivated and entertained. Continuing to grow in number, recognition, and involvement around campus, the Perkulators take pride in representing Muhlenberg. They are well known for their slogan "Don't hate... Perkulate!" which truly describes this animated group.



Alpha Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega is a co-ed service fraternity founded upon the Boy Scout Oath and Law. This group is dedicated to the principles of leadership, friendship, and service. This group is the Xi Alpha Chapter of the fraternity and is based out of Allentown, PA. The group has over 70 members and this year inducted two pledge classes that totaled over 30 members. They are involved with many community service projects and sponsor some events here on the Muhlenberg campus. This year, the fraternity helped to plan and organize Relay for Life, March of Dimes, Kidsfest and many other charitable events. APO is committed to service and volunteering and serves a variety of groups. The fraternity participates in service to the college, community, fraternity and the nation as a whole. Jennifer Gable, a member of APO, says that "APO has introduced me to some of best friends of campus and helped me to get really involved in the community. The many projects that I have worked on have given me valuable experiences and I have made great memories."

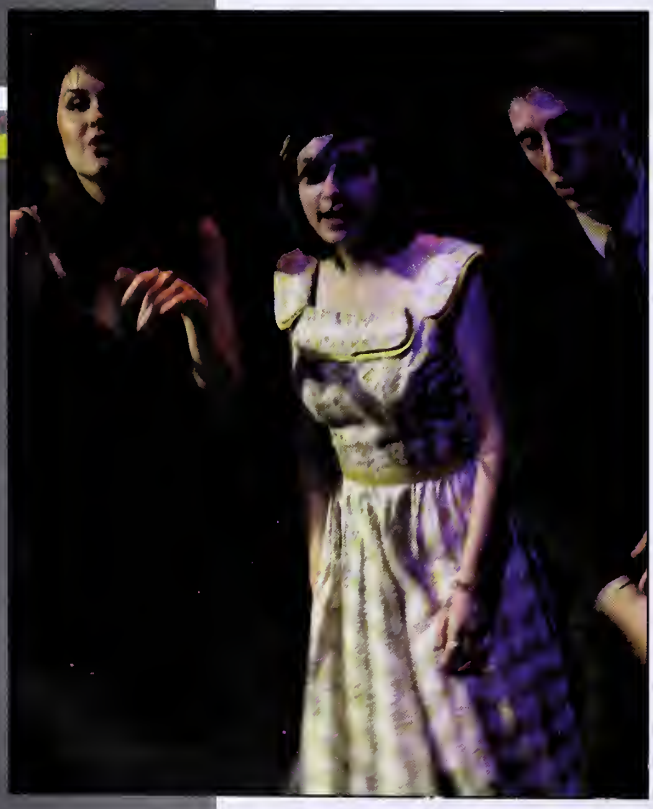


MINT*

MINT* is Muhlenberg's only hip-hop dance team. The recently established group is made up of enthusiastic dancers who perform at half time for various sporting events and at other larger performances. The team holds weekly practices in order for them to choreograph and perfect their dance routines. They are known for their outfits that consist of black tank tops and army cargo pants. While this group is very new to campus, they have become one of the most popular and larger performing groups on campus. Their upbeat music and funky and fresh dance moves encourage people in the stands to get up and dance along with the team. While typically half times are when spectators leave the arena for refreshments or to socialize, whenever MINT* is performing it is certain that the crowd will remain in their seats in order to watch the entertaining and creative dance routine!

Girls Next Door

Being the only all female acappella group, The Girls Next Door use their unique sound to entertain crowds at various events throughout the school year. Founded in 1999, The Girls Next Door arrange, learn, and sing all types of music and love to do it all of these things. They serve the community and the school by performing at as many events as possible. To the left is a picture of the group performing at the annual Acapella Fest in classical and modern dresses which accompanied their song selection.



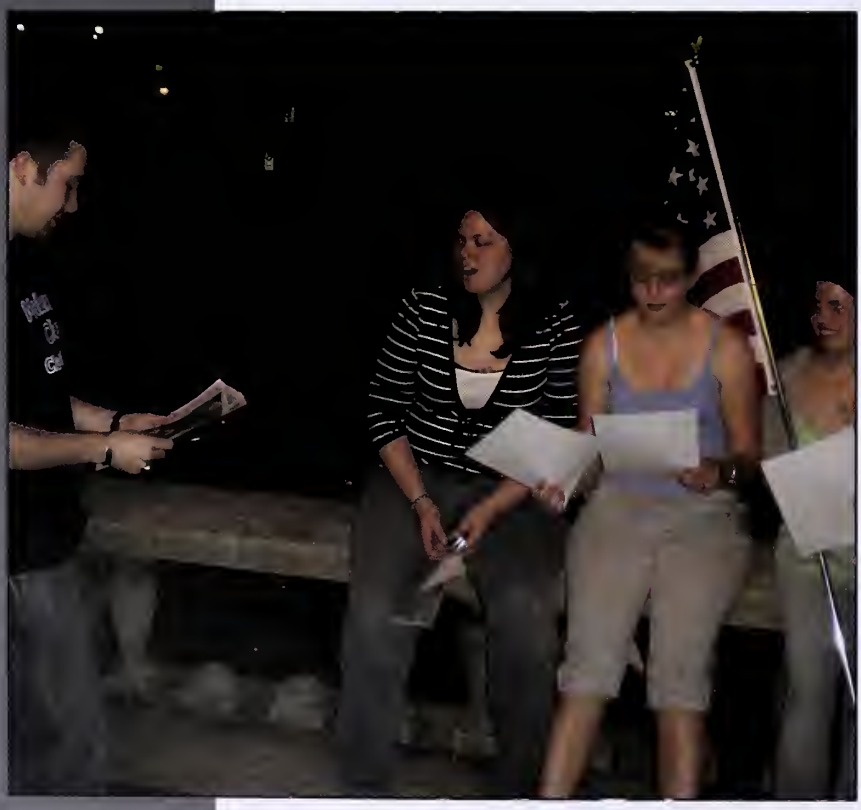
The Dynamics

The Dynamics is a co-ed a cappella group on campus. Made up of students from all years and across majors, the group rehearses several times a week and performs on and off campus. On their website, it rumored that "In 1989, in the midst of a benefit concert, to fill the void with the sweet sounds of vocal harmonies, The Dynamics were founded." Over the years their repertoire has changed from predominantly show tunes to pop, rock, and techno. The Dynamics are known for their unique dance style, in which each member has their own moves. The group performs several times a year at large campus events and can been seen in the student union selling their CD full of all of their infamous arrangements!

Gospel Choir

Rejoice! the Muhlenberg College Gospel Choir, is one of the newer singing groups formed on campus. Created about two years ago, this singing group is composed of all different types of singers. Everyone is welcome to join and no singing experience is necessary. The Gospel Choir practices weekly and performs at various events throughout the school year. During Black History month, they performed for all students in the Garden Room and also partake in other events. This year, the club was recognized by President Helm at the honor's convocation for their hard work and their expansion within the last couple of years. All of the pictures of the gospel choir were taken at their end of the year concert help in the Chapel.

History Club



The Muhlenberg College History Club is a group made up of students from all majors who love learning about history. This past year the History Club hosted a very successful event call Muhlenberg Remembers Pearl Harbor, where 10 Military Veterans spoke before an audience of students, facility and staff. Six of the Veterans were Pearl Harbor Survivors and spoke about their experiences on December the 7th 1941, the Day that Japan attacked the US Pacific Fleet that was anchored at Pearl Harbor. Future events include volunteering and restoring the Battleship New Jersey, more programs with Veterans, trips to New York,

Campus Watch Rangers

Campus Watch Rangers was founded by Matt Fash '09 at the end of his Freshman year. With the help of Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, David Dolan, Brian Galgano, and Doug Cedrone, the Rangers matured into a fully functional group. The group is made up of students who are concerned about the safety and welfare of their peers and who want to make a difference around the campus.

The time commitment is minimal compared to the rewards of looking out for your peers.

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Greek Life

SORORITIES

Alpha Chi Omega
Phi Sigma Sigma
Delta Zeta
Phi Mu

Muhlenberg is home to four sororities, with each house having their own flair and personality. Yet being a member of one of these sororities means more than just being able to wear the greek letters proudly on your chest. As senior Liz Stillman explains (pictured below), "being a member of Phi Sigma Sigma was an extremely positive experience. As a sister of this sorority I have been given the opportunity to grow and mature into the person I am today. I am fortunate to be a member of this organization because I have received long lasting friendships and great memories that I will carry with me in my future." Julia Lehman, pictured above, reminisces about her favorite memory as a Phi Mu sister saying "After my name was announced at my Honors Chemistry presentation, a row of my Phi Mu ladies cheered, clapped, and even whistled - and I didn't even start my presentation yet! This is so characteristic of what Phi Mu is about - always being there and supporting each other, no matter the situation."

FRATERNITIES

Phi Kappa Tau
Sigma Phi Epsilon
Delta Tau Delta

In addition to housing four sororities, there are three fraternities on campus. Each fraternity values the importance of brotherhood and academics yet each is different in their own way. Above, two brothers from Phi Kappa Tau are pictured at their annual formal dance while pictured below are two brothers from Sigma Phi Epsilon at their formal. Senior Dany Guy, reflects on his experience of joining a fraternity saying that "being a brother of Phi Tau was one of my best memories on campus. Pledging was the hardest thing i ever did on campus but it was also the most rewarding. Being a brother was like getting a second family, you don't always get along but you support one another, and thats what made a difference in my life. Knowing there was always someone I could count on when I needed help."

Phi Mu

Phi Mu was established at Wesleyan College in Georgia in 1852. It was developed as a women's organization which provides personal academic development, service to others commitment to excellence and lifelong friendships through a shared tradition. Founded on campus in 1992, Phi Mu has made an impact on the community and the campus. The ladies of the Phi Kappa chapter sponsor numerous fundraisers throughout the year such as walking in Relay for Life and raising money for the Children's Miracle Network , which is their national charity.

Alpha Chi Omega was founded in 1885 and was established at Muhlenberg in 1984. The Zeta Chi Chapter of the sorority is actively involved on campus with a number of the sisters being on numerous sport teams and other clubs. Their national colors are scarlet red and olive green and thier symbol is the Grecian lyre. Alpha Chi Omega's mission is to enrich the lives of its members through lifetime opportunities for friendship, leadership, learning and service, and the sisters achieve this mission through partaking in events on and off campus. The sisters participate in numerous events such as Relay for Life, Dance for a Cure, Community Clean Up and present an annual fashion show raising money for Turning Point. Their national philanthropy is The MacDowell Colony, which provides support for victims of domestic violence, and each year the sorority raises money for this cause.

Alpha Chi Omega

Phi Sigma Sigma

Phi Sigma Sigma was founded in 1913 as th first non-sectarian sorority in the nation. Th sorority was founded at Muhlenberg in 198 Their mission is to inspire the personal development of each sister and to perpetuate the advancement of womanhood. Each year the sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma participate in multiple campu events such as sponsoring a Twister competition, and the annual Rock-a-Thon which raised money for their national philanthropy, The National Kidney Foundation. Phi Sigma Sigma is well known across campus for their creative t-shirt design where this year they sold Breast Cancer awareness shirts and Twister t-shirts for fundraisers. Today the sorority continue to thrive as a strong chapter of 70 diverse, intelligent and upbeat women.

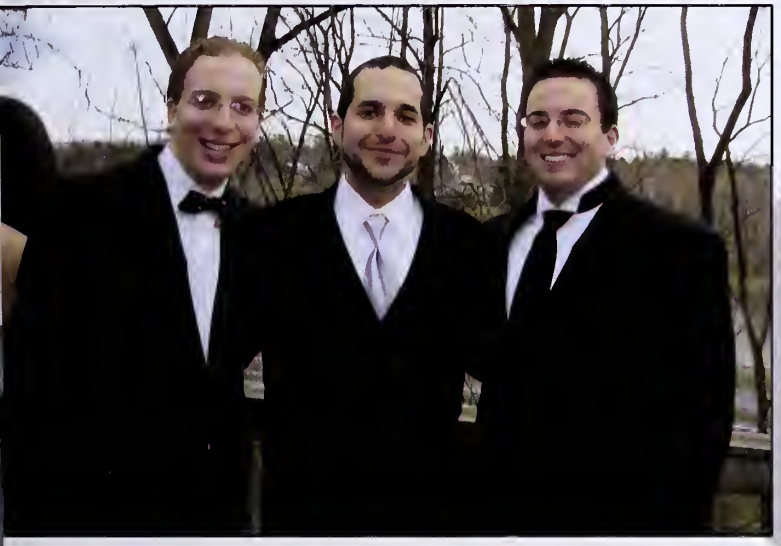
Delta Zeta

The Delta Zeta chapter was established on Muhlenberg's campus in October of 1984. Originally founded in 1902, the sorority was founded with a purpose to unite members in sincere friendship, to stimulate and support one another academically, and to promote all aspects of individual and group development with guidance and unity. As a chapter, they are actively involved both on and off campus through a variety of organizations and philanthropies. The Delta Zeta sisters are actively involved at Casa Guadalupe and their national philanthropy, the Starsky Hearing Foundation. The sorority is well known across campus for their infamous DZ HOP and for their pink and green attire. The DZ HOP is hosted annually in the Red Door and it is a late night pancake fest that raises money for charity.

Phi Kappa Tau

Phi Kappa Tau or PKT was founded in 1906 and joined the Muhlenberg community in 1918. Their mission is to champion a lifelong commitment to brotherhood, learning, ethical leadership and exemplary character and the brothers of PKT are committed to this statement. Each year the brothers partake in various events across campus to develop their character and raise funds for their national philanthropy, the Hole in the Wall camps. The national colors of the fraternity consist of old gold and harvard red. After almost being removed from Muhlenberg last year, due to violations of campus policies, the fraternity has made a complete turn around becoming once again a proud member of the greek community. Pictured to the right, the brothers are shown enjoying their annual formal dance, and above is a complete group shot of the brothers.

Sigma Phi Epsilon



The Pennsylvania Iota chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded on Muhlenberg's campus in 1938 and the fraternity as remained on campus since that time. The mission of the fraternity is to build balanced leaders for the world's communities, and the brotherhood is very active on campus in numerous clubs, Student Council and the Cardinal Key Society. Sigma Phi Epsilon, or better known as SigEp has is also involved in the community, being active in a wide array of events. The brothers partake in community services events such as Jefferson Field Day, American Reads and volunteer at the Sixth Street Shelter. SigEp also raises money for their national charity which is Youth AIDS.

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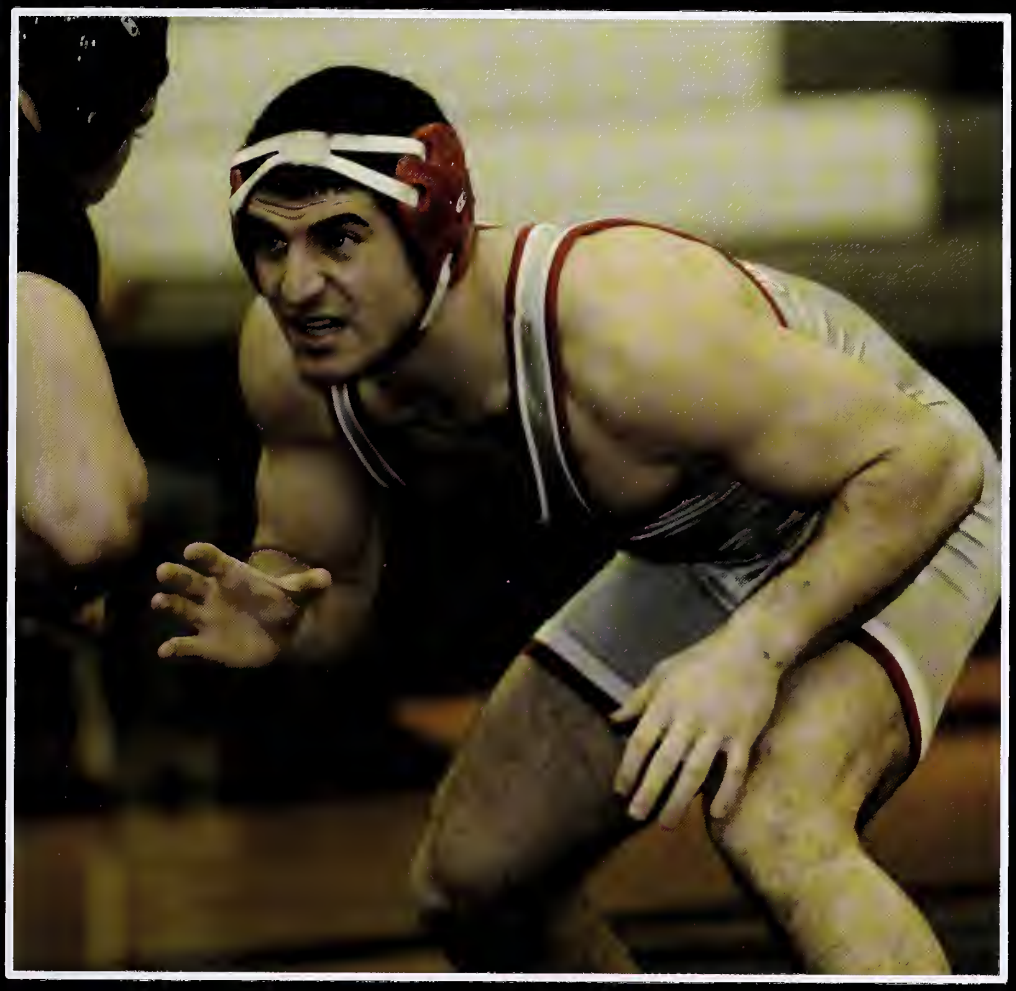

Athletics

Football

A Season of Perfection

The 2007 Muhlenberg football season was Exhibit A for those who believe that preseason polls don't mean a thing. Picked fifth in the Centennial Conference preseason poll, the Mules wound up ranked eighth in the country after putting together one of the most remarkable years in program history. Muhlenberg went undefeated (10-0) in the regular season for the first time since the College first fielded an intercollegiate football team in 1900. The Mules won their first outright Centennial Conference championship, set school records for wins (11) and consecutive wins (12) and advanced to the second round of the NCAA playoffs.

The Mules then reeled off four straight wins against teams that would finish with losing records, including a 43-0 shutout of McDaniel – their first win against the Green Terror since 1994. Another shutout, 31-0 at Franklin & Marshall, gave Muhlenberg four in a season for the first time since 1947. That set up a showdown between the 7-0 Mules and defending CC champion Dickinson. Playing at home on Family Weekend, Muhlenberg fell behind 17-0 early in the second quarter but came back to win, 29-24.

A 31-7 win at regionally ranked Ursinus gave the Mules the CC title and an automatic bid to the NCAA playoffs. They wrapped up the first undefeated CC season since 2000 with a 35-7 home win against Moravian. For the first round of the NCAAs, Muhlenberg drew a home game against once-defeated Salisbury, which was ranked higher in one poll and featured a high-powered option attack. The Mules opened up a 21-6 lead early in the second quarter, only to have the Sea Gulls come back to tie the game at 21-all with 7:33 left. Then the defense saved the day, forcing two late fumbles that led to 10 points and a 31-21 win. That win earned Muhlenberg a trip to Wesley for a second-round game against the two-time region champions. The Mules held a 7-0 lead for most of the first half, but a trio of long runs by the Wolverines' backup tailback turned the tide, and the great season ended with a 38-21 loss.

Defense has been one of Muhlenberg's hallmarks for most of this decade, and 2007 was no exception. The Mules finished in the top 10 in Division III in six defensive categories – third in total defense (211.8 yards per game), fourth in scoring defense (11.2 points per game), seventh in pass efficiency defense (86.3 points), eighth in fumbles recovered (17), ninth in sacks (3.67 per game) and 10th in turnover margin (plus-19).

Six defensive players earned first-team All-CC honors: including seniors Chris Musselman (8 sacks) and Swensen (9 tackles for loss), senior outside linebackers Dustin Good (71 tackles, 16 for loss) and Tom Tarsitano (54 tackles). Senior Matt Johnson had a superb year in his first at tight end, earning third-team All-America honors after setting school records for receptions (54), yards (837) and touchdowns (six) by a tight end. Junior running back John DeLuca set a school record with 1,533 rushing yards (11th in Division III) and scored 17 touchdowns. Junior quarterback Eric Santagato ran the show, reversing his 2006 numbers of 5 touchdowns and 17 interceptions to 15 touchdowns and 5 interceptions. He completed 63 percent of his passes, rushed for 6 TDs and ranked 18th in Division III in pass efficiency. Head coach Mike Donnelly was named region coach of the year by both the American Football Coaches Association and and D3football.com.

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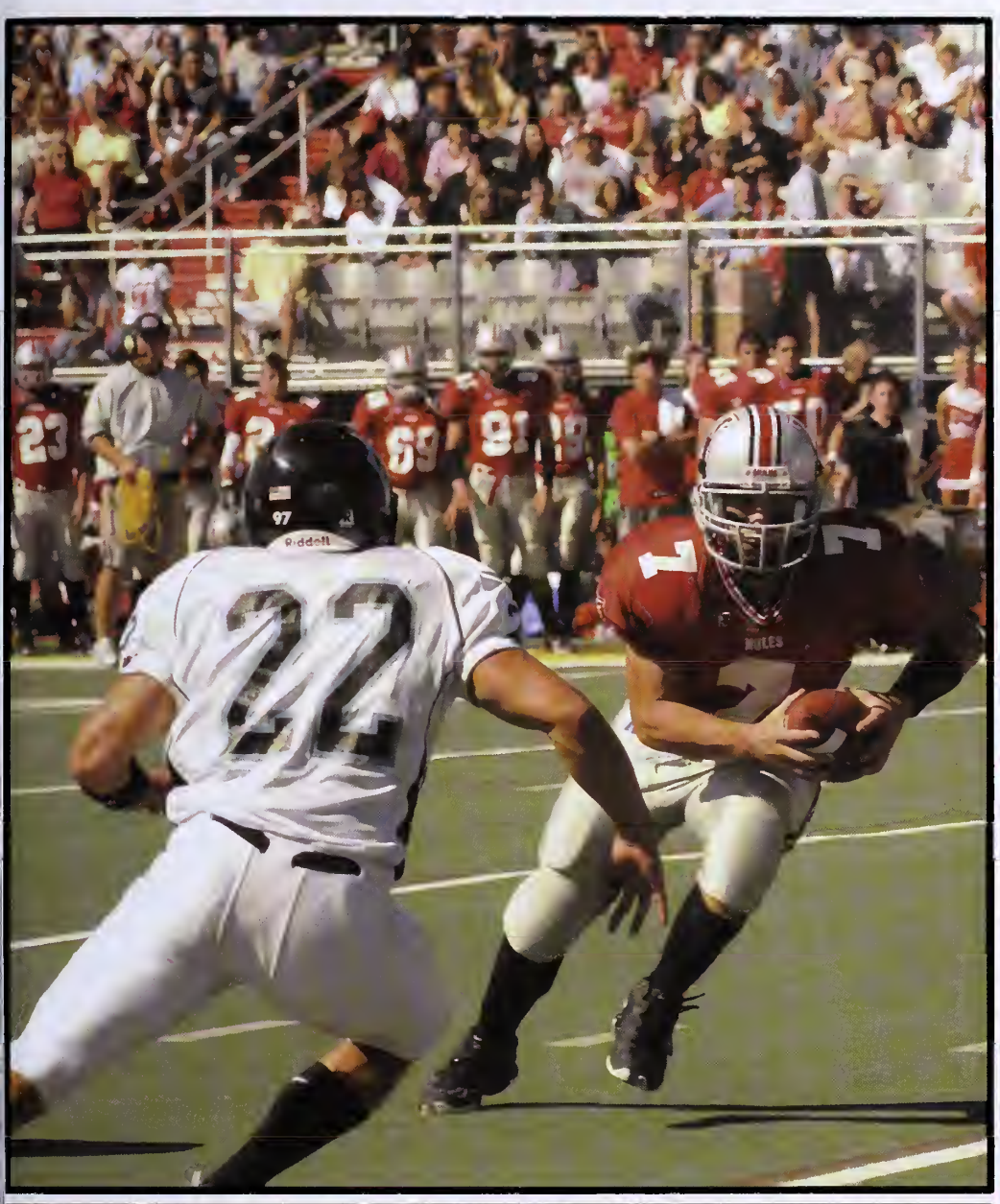
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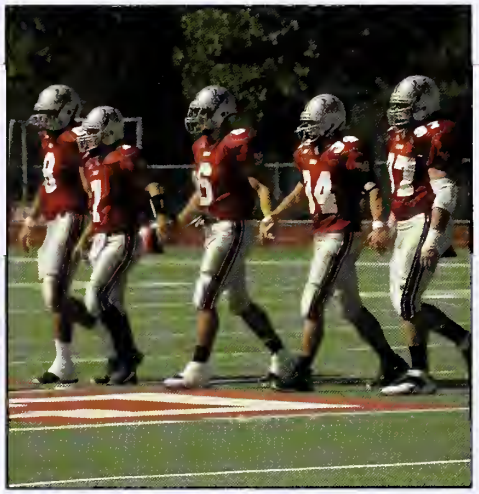

Cross Country

Running to the NCAA Championships

The Muhlenberg cross country program continued to break new ground in 2007. For the first time in history, the Mules qualified runners from both the men's and women's teams for the NCAA Division III Championships. The two men's qualifiers became the first athletes in team history to run in the national meet twice. Two juniors, NCAA qualifiers David Chorney and Timothy Van Syckle, were joined by mostly freshmen who spent the year adjusting to college cross country. Chorney made history at the first scored meet of the season by winning the Lehigh Valley Championships, which since 2001 has brought together runners from local Division I, II and III schools. Muhlenberg came in second, behind only host Lehigh, for its best finish ever. At his next race, Chorney matched the best finish by a Mule at the prestigious Paul Short Run, coming in second. He followed that with a sixth-place finish at the DeSales Invitational, a meet Muhlenberg might have won had Van Syckle not been held out with injury (the Mules finished fourth, 15 points out of first).

For the fourth straight meet in which both ran, Van Syckle and Chorney finished in the top 10 at the Centennial Conference Championships, with Van Syckle, in sixth place, taking top honors this time. Muhlenberg came in fourth, landing in the top four for the eighth year in a row. Ranked seventh in the region heading into the NCAA Mideast Regional at Lehigh, the Mules matched their ranking to place in the top 10 for the sixth time in seven years. Chorney (14th) and Van Syckle (22nd) both earned all-region honors and earned the right to compete at the NCAA Championships. Like the men, the women received significant contributions from young runners, with two or three freshmen in the top seven every race. Muhlenberg's top runner, however, was senior Sara Gearin, who scored three top-10 finishes and came in 15th at the NCAA Mideast Regional to qualify for the national meet. After opening with a solid third-place showing at the Lehigh Valley Championships, the Mules showed their depth by capturing the Mule/Falcon Classic for the fourth time in seven years despite holding out their top four finishers from the Lehigh Valley meet. Muhlenberg still had four runners place in the top 14 to edge Georgian Court by a point. The Mules finished in the top half of every race except the incredibly competitive CC Championships, which featured the top three teams in the region. Muhlenberg placed third out of 23 teams at the DeSales Invitational, seventh at the CC Championships and 12th at the NCAA Mideast Regional.

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Field Hockey

Seniors Shine in a Winning Season

The schedule makers set up the Muhlenberg field ockey team for a rollercoaster ride in 2007. But ollercoasters can be great fun, and when all was said nd done the Mules enjoyed their ride. Muhlenberg nished with a record of 12-7 and earned the third seed the Centennial Conference playoffs. The Mules' 7-3 ecord in the CC was their best in 14 years, and their eason was ended by a one-goal loss to a top-10 team the CC semifinals. The team took care of business in hose first games, starting 6-0 in the CC for the first time ver. Then, predictably, things got a little tougher. Three raight losses to ranked teams followed, and although hey had clinched a playoff berth, the Mules entered heir regular-season finale against 19th-ranked ettysburg with the prospect of entering the playoffs -4 against the rest of the field. In the pouring rain on enior Night, Muhlenberg fell into a 1-0 hole midway hrough the first half. But senior Kelly Shetron tied the ame early in the second half, and senior Lauren Rutt cored the winning goal 57 seconds into overtime, ending the Mules into the playoffs on a high.

In the CC playoffs, Muhlenberg took a 1-0 lead gainst eighth-ranked Johns Hopkins when sophomore isten Sabia scored off a penalty corner at the end of e first half. The Blue Jays came back, however, ecuring a 2-1 win on a penalty stroke with 10 minutes ft in the game. Of the seven losses, six were to teams at were ranked in the top 20 at the time. Among the otable wins were victories against Oneonta State gainst Hartwick, giving Muhlenberg a sweep of a eekend trip to New York; the team's first ack-to-back overtime wins since 1997 (against ashington and Drew); and a 10-1 defeat of Bryn awr in which the Mules reached double digits in oals for the first time since 1969. The team was led y its four outstanding seniors. Rutt, Muhlenberg's eld leader from her central midfield position, arned first-team All-CC and second-team l-South Region honors. Shetron, returning to the ules after spending the 2006 season studying abroad, led the team with 26 points on nine goals and eight assists. Nikki Rhoads was named to the All-CC second team, earning conference honors for the third time in her career after anchoring a defense that allowed more than two goals only three times in 19 games. Jillian Duffy scored 18 points as a senior to finish her career tied for eighth on the program's all-time list with 62 points. Nicole Notarianni scored a team-leading 11 goals, six of which were game winners, and earned All-CC honorable mention. Sabia finished with eight goals. Junior Michelle Consiglio had a solid season in her first as starting goalie, recording three shutouts and a 1.62 goals-against average. Rhoads and juniors Julie deLaurentis (five defensive saves) and Kristin Garbutt (three defensive saves) made up the back line in front of her.

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Men's Soccer

Dominant defensive line leads the Mules

The Muhlenberg men's soccer team proved in 2007 that it's hard to get beat if you don't allow the other team to score. The Mules allowed only seven goals and recorded 10 shutouts in 15 regular-season games in winning a share of the Centennial Conference regular-season championship. Losses in the semifinals of the CC playoffs and the first round of the NCAA Tournament left the team with a final record of 12-5. All five setbacks were by one goal to teams that were regionally and/or nationally ranked the entire year.

Muhlenberg ranked 17th in Division III in shutout percentage (.588) and 32nd in team goals-against average (0.70). In a seven-game winning streak leading up to the CC playoffs, the Mules allowed only one goal and shut out five straight CC foes. Complementing the stingy defense was an offense that was efficient if not explosive and usually did what was needed to win. The Mules averaged just 1.65 goals per game, which ranked near the bottom of the CC, but were shut out only once all season.

Muhlenberg opened the year with 2-0 shutout wins against Gordon, Wilkes and Moravian, then embarked on a five-game stretch in which it played 18th-ranked Franklin & Marshall; traditional power Elizabethtown; and Gettysburg, which knocked the Mules out of the playoffs last year, all on the road, and undefeated Dickinson and defending CC champion Johns Hopkins at home.

The Hopkins game loss was followed by the seven-game win streak, during which Muhlenberg outscored its opponents 14-1. The lone goal allowed came in a 2-1 win against New Jersey, at the time ranked seventh in Division III. While the Mules were reeling off wins, the other teams in the tough CC were beating each other, and at season's end Muhlenberg, Johns Hopkins and Franklin & Marshall tied for first with a 7-2 CC record. The Mules were the third seed in the playoffs, but a 2-1 loss to Hopkins in their first game put their NCAA Tournament hopes in doubt.

As it turned out, Muhlenberg didn't need t worry. The NCAA took four teams from the CC, and the Mules were awarded their 13th NCAA bid and sent to Salisbury for a first-round game against Virginia Wesleyan. Some rare defensive breakdowns were the culprit in a 3-2 season-ending loss. The biggest player – both literally and figuratively – in the stellar defense was 6-5 senior goalie Peter Bennett, who earne third-team All-America honors after recording eight shutouts and a career-best 0.73 goals-against average. His 0.45 GAA in CC games led the league.

Senior back Jonathan Kliewer had an outstanding season and was named to the All-CC first team. In addition to his defensive prowess, he scored the Mules' most memorable goal of the season, a 30-yard blast with 6:35 lef in the second overtime for a 1-0 win at Swarthmore. Joining Kliewer in the back four were juniors A.J. Barnold and Andrew Brick and sophomore Samuel Hayden, a second-team Academic All-District selection. On offense, sophomore Eric Miller emerged as the team's to scorer, netting 16 points on seven goals and tw assists. With four goals, sophomore Adison Weseloh was second for a balanced attack tho saw 13 different players find the back of the ne

Midfielders Karim Assous, Billy Dalton and Greg Leischner all received All-CC honorable mention. Juniors Brendan Carroll and Steven Tenenzapf and freshman Evan Rubin also were key contributors.

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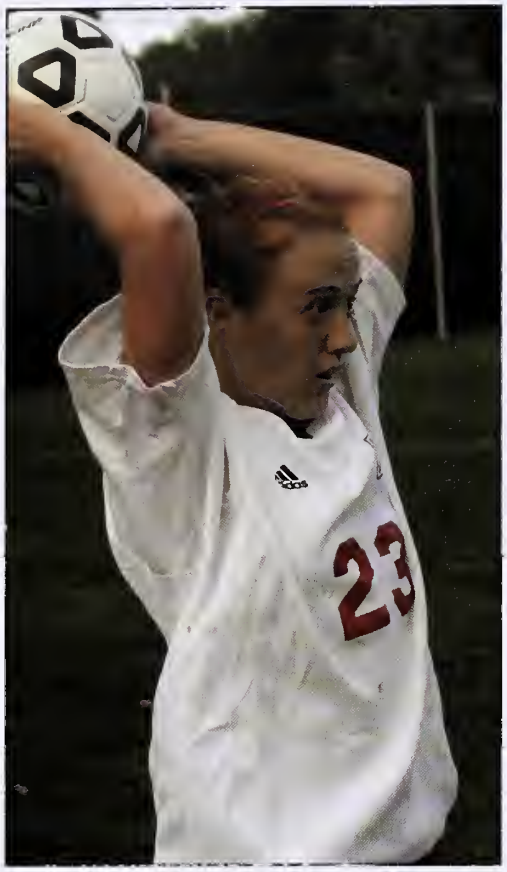
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Women's Soccer

Underclassmen lead team to a winning season

As might be expected from such a young team, Muhlenberg women's soccer showed plenty of inexperience in 2007. But it also displayed a great deal of promise. Starting 10 freshmen and sophomores for almost the entire season, the Mules finished 8-6-3 overall and 5-4-1 in the Centennial Conference. Although they missed out on the CC playoffs, they went 2-3 against teams that did earn berths. A loss at Franklin & Marshall and a tie with Dickinson, both non-playoff squads, proved to be Muhlenberg's undoing.

Some of the games were thrillers – often for the wrong reason. In the Mules' three ties, they allowed the equalizer with 4 seconds (Kean), 3:10 (Scranton) and 1:05 (Dickinson) left in regulation. Muhlenberg also came back from an early deficit to beat McDaniel in overtime, took nationally ranked Swarthmore to overtime and led defending CC champion Johns Hopkins with less than 20 minutes to play.

The Mules could be explosive on offense, starting with a season-opening 4-0 shutout of Gwynedd-Mercy. They scored two goals in a 2:18 span against Neumann, three in a 4:39 span against Haverford, and four in a 3:23 span against Bryn Mawr. But the offense, which scored 20 goals in leading the team to a 5-1-3 start, netted one goal or fewer in six of the final eight games. Although it ended without a playoff berth, the season came to a satisfying close when Muhlenberg knocked off playoff-bound Gettysburg, 1-0, at home. The squad's two seniors, Maura Hendsey and Megan Francis, combined on the lone goal, scored by Francis early in the second half.

Most of the team's scoring (32 of 35 goals) was done by freshmen and sophomores. First-year player Valerie Patriarca led the Mules with 10 goals, tied for second-most in the CC and four short of the school record for freshmen. She scored a hat trick in just 96 seconds at Bryn Mawr, leading Muhlenberg to a 7-0 win – the most goals the team scored in eight years. Sophomore Kasey Hacker contributed 16 points on six goals and four assists, while classmate Christina O'Grady added 12 points. Freshman Rachael Goldstein had a nice rookie campaign, scoring five goals.

O'Grady made the All-CC second team for the second year in a row and also was selected to the Academic-All District first team. Sophomores Kimberly Hacker and Samantha Hoffman received All-CC honorable mention.

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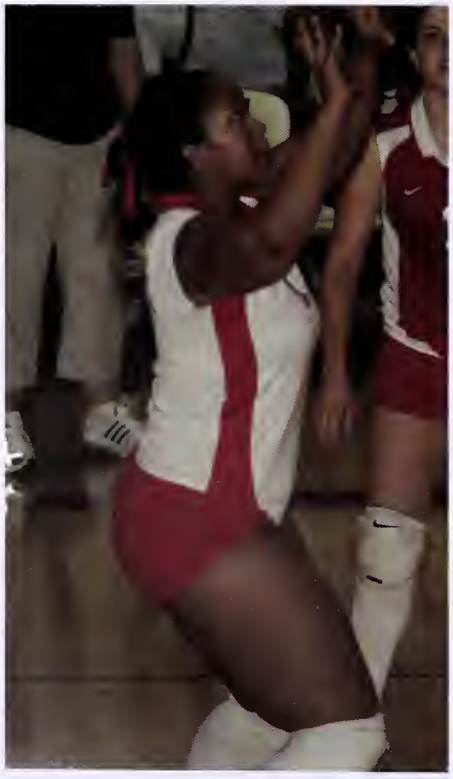
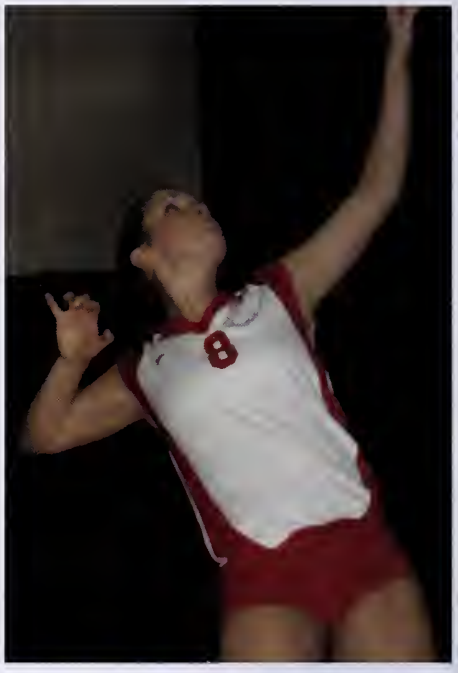
Volleyball

Senior's careers shine in unforgettable season

The Muhlenberg volleyball team experienced some wonderful highlights the first two weeks of the 2007 season. Unfortunately, the rest of the year was not as memorable. The Mules started off by sweeping Alvernia and SUNY Institute of Technology to win their pool at Moravian's Greyhound Premiere Invitational. In their first home match of the season, they came back after dropping the first game to defeat Richard Stockton in five, winning the decisive game 16-14 by scoring the last three points. Three days later in the Buttermaker Tournament, Muhlenberg again won by two points in a match that went the distance, rebounding from 30-20 and 30-17 losses to Susquehanna in Games 2 and 3 to win the last two games, 30-28 and 15-13.

That result left the Mules with a 5-2 record, including two inspired wins, eight days into the season. They were never able to recapture that magic, however, dropping their next eight matches and going on to finish with an 11-19 record. Muhlenberg's two seniors, hitter Jess Anselmi and libero Megan Young, spent the season climbing the program's career lists. Anselmi, who led the Mules in kills (305), finished eighth in team history with 747 kills. Young ended up second on the all-time digs chart with 1,342, as well as second in the Centennial Conference with 5.07 digs per game. Junior Megan Eiser emerged as Muhlenberg's setter and had an outstanding all-around year, leading the team in assists and finishing second in blocks, third in digs, fourth in kills and fifth in aces. She was named to the all-tournament team both at Moravian and at the Buttermaker and was honored as CC player of the week after recording a triple-double (37 assists, 11 kills, 11 digs) in a four-game win against Delaware Valley.





A pair of sophomores had breakout years after playing sparingly as freshmen. Liz Dean was second on the team with 238 kills, and Amy Cohen led the Mules and ranked seventh in the CC in blocks per game (0.78). Sophomore Phylicia Lee served up a team-best 38 aces. A 3-0 shutout of Emmanuel at the MIT Invitational gave head coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman her 100th career win.

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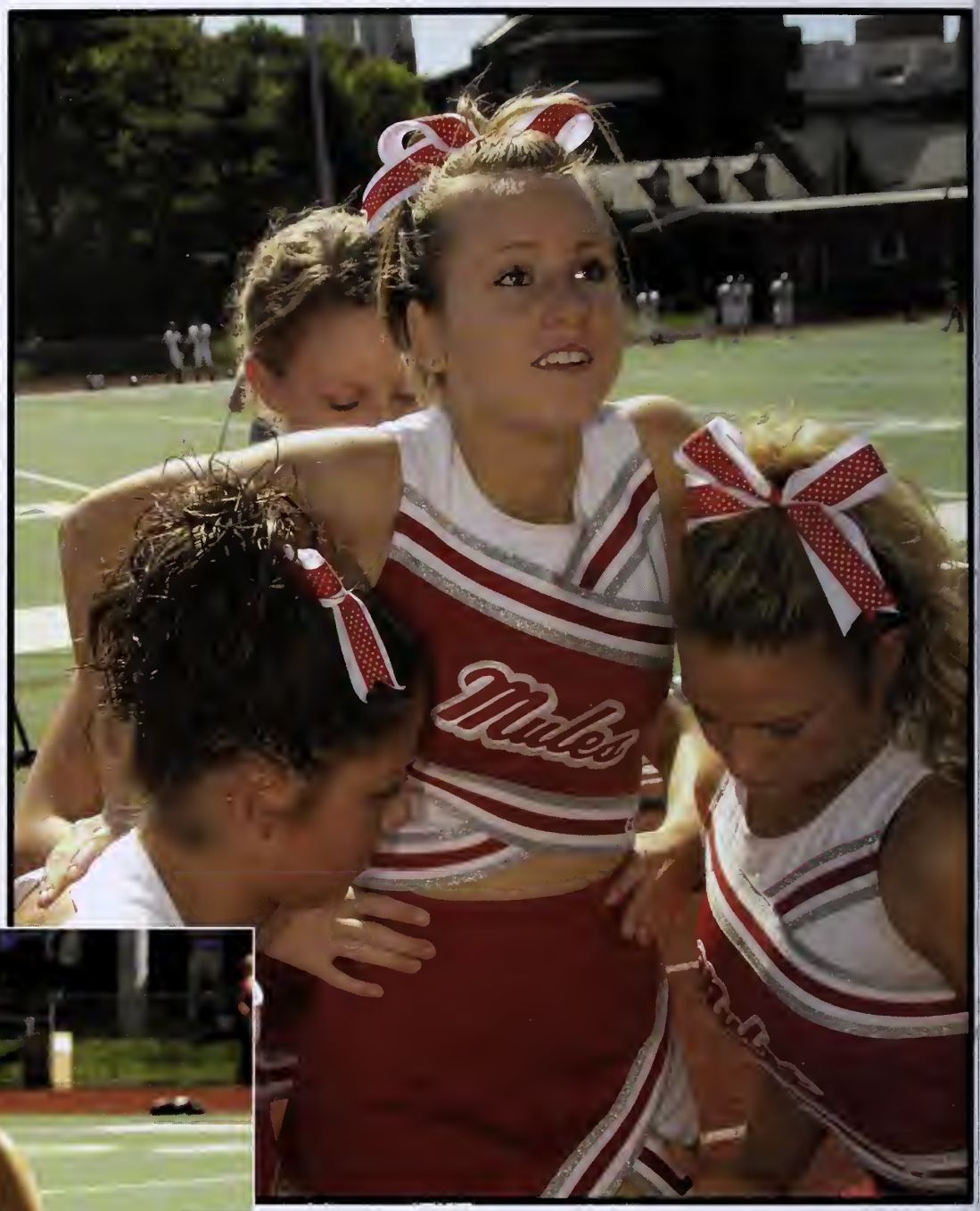
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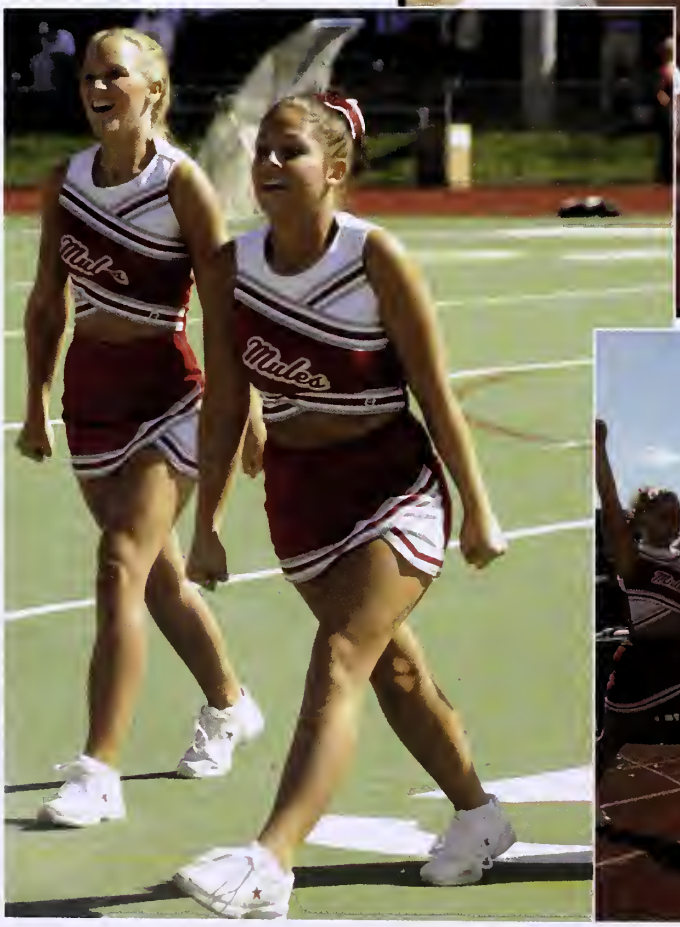
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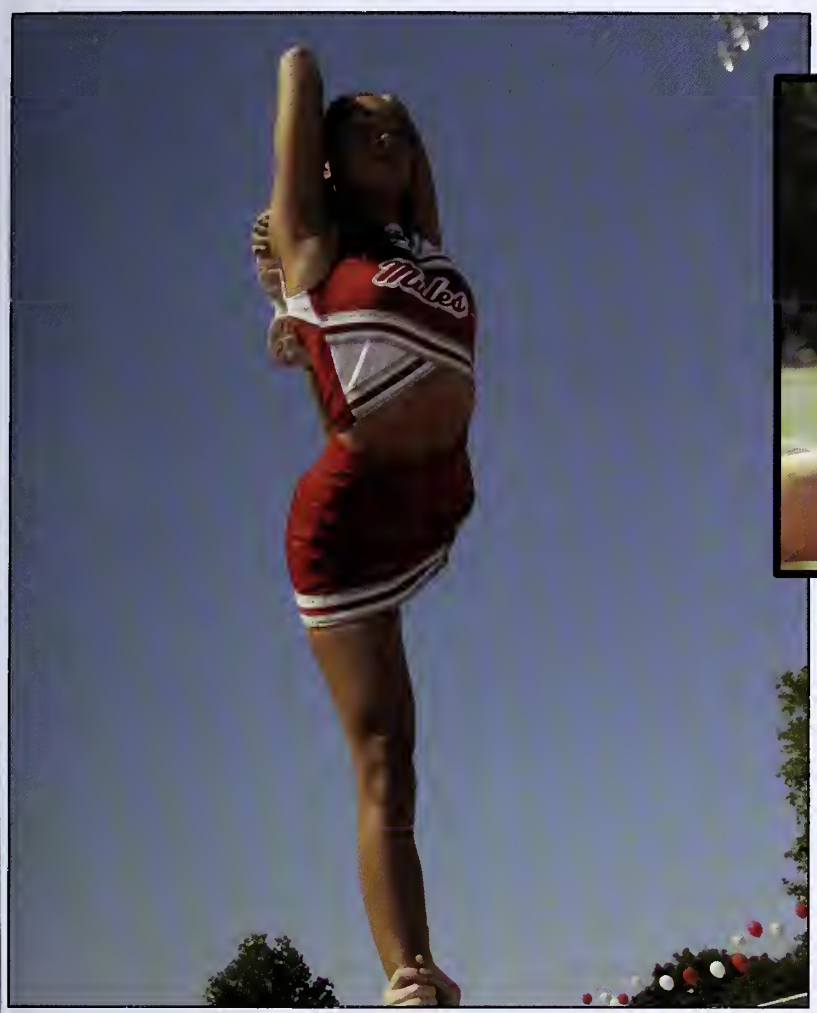

Cheerleading

The Muhlenberg College cheerleaders are an enthusiastic, dynamic group whose mission is to carry the MULE spirit in support of 'Berg teams, fans and the entire Muhlenberg community. This season, the squad helped to cheer on the Muhlenberg football team to a regular undefeated season. Muhlenberg fields a small competitive coed squad. Primary cheering events are many football games (all home and several away games) and men's and women's home basketball games, as well as occasional participation in special programs and celebrations.

Like most Muhlenberg students, the cheer team members are involved in many aspects of college life. Cheerleading, although demanding, is not so time consuming as to limit involvement in other activities. Each member of the cheerleading team participates in fund-raising events and preseason camp during the month of August.

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Men's Basketball

Underclassmen step up to lead the team

After losing seven seniors through graduation and returning only two players with significant experience at the collegiate level, the Muhlenberg men's basketball year had an inspiring rebuilding season, narrowly missing the Centennial Conference playoffs.

The core of the young Mule squad featured juniors and sophomores, who didn't see a lot of playing action in preceding campaigns, but they all stepped up and proved their right to play in a Muhlenberg jersey.

In the last regular-season game against league-leading Ursinus, the Mules needed a victory to clinch their third consecutive playoff berth in a very competitive conference, which eventually had two representatives in the "Sweet 16," one of which advanced to the national semifinals. Muhlenberg put up a good fight, but lost a dramatic 72-69 decision to the Bears, thus wrapping up the 2007-08 season with a 10-15 overall record and an 8-10 mark in the CC.

The whole campaign was a whirlpool of alternating winning streaks with series of unfortunate results. After opening CC action with a 50-42 road loss to Haverford in late October, the Mules racked up four successive conference wins, including an 86-54 home rout against McDaniel. Against the Green Terror, Muhlenberg showed some of its great potential, shooting a season-high 60.8 percent from the floor and a spectacular 57.1 percent beyond the three-point arc.

Following that successful run, the Mules fell in a three-game slump, losing on the road to Gettysburg, Johns Hopkins and Franklin & Marshall. The defeat to the Blue Jays was especially painful as it came in triple overtime.

However, Muhlenberg regrouped quickly, winning four of the next five encounters and putting itself in an excellent position to attack the playoffs. Dickinson, Washington and Haverford were sent back home from Memorial Hall with losses. The fourth win was a hard-fought 61-57 away triumph against McDaniel, giving the Mules a season sweep of the playoff-bound Terror. With an 8-5 record, the Mules looked poised to clinch a playoff spot, but had a tough conference schedule remaining and dropped their last five contests, four to playoff teams.

Junior Mike Bernardini emerged as Muhlenberg's leader and top scorer, averaging 13.6 points per game and 4.1 rebounds per contest. He was one of the top free-throw shooters in the league, as he finished fourth overall with an 81.7 percentage from the foul line. The Mules lost only one senior through graduation, hard-working co-captain Greg Pask, who completed his task of mentoring his younger teammates and helping them turn into a cohesive unit.

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Women's Basketball

Make it number four

The road to the Centennial Conference championship for the Muhlenberg women's basketball team in 2006-07 began and ended right there on the road.

After stumbling at home in their first CC game of the season, the Mules emerged as a championship contender during a 32-day span in which they played nine of 11 games on the road. They went 7-2 away from Memorial Hall in that stretch, including wins against Gettysburg, Johns Hopkins, defending CC champion Ursinus and defending CC regular-season champion McDaniel. Needing a win in the last game of the regular season to clinch homecourt for the playoffs, Muhlenberg was defeated by Ursinus. But that was just fine for the Mules, who went on the road to Franklin & Marshall and captured their fourth CC title.

Homecourt disadvantage struck again when Muhlenberg was selected to host the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament for the first time ever. The Mules lost in the first round to local rival DeSales, which went on to reach the "Sweet 16" before falling to the eventual national champion. Muhlenberg finished the season with a record of 21-7, reaching the 20-win mark for the third time in program history. And it won the conference championship with a young squad that figures to be in the title mix for the next few years to come. The only seniors on the team were Michelle Feldman, who started 12 games at forward, and backup point guard Abra Like. The duo graduated as the winningest class in Mule women's basketball history, with a four-year record of 77-31.

Two juniors were among the top players on the team: Lauren Boyle maintained her status as one of the best in the CC, while Erin McSherry enjoyed a spectacular breakout season.

Boyle received All-America honorable mention after averaging a team-leading 14.9 points per game and finishing second on the team in assists (94), steals (36) and blocked shots (14). She became just the second Muhlenberg player to earn first-team All-CC honors twice and the third to reach the 1,000-point mark as a junior. Boyle will enter he senior season third on the Mules' all-time list with 1,084 career points.

Muhlenberg started the season utilizing the running and pressing system that had been so successful in 2004, but after losing to Scranton in the Scotty Wood Tournament championship game and Gettysburg in the CC opener, the Mules returned to a more traditional style. The Mules broke for fall final exams with a record of 5-3 but won 14 of their next 16, including the long stretch on the road. One of the road losses came to nemesis Dickinson, but Muhlenberg exacted revenge with a 68-62 win in the next-to-last game of the regular season. The loss to Ursinus three days later resulted in a three-way tie for first place between the Mules, Dickinson and F&M, with the latter earning the right to host on tiebreakers.

The NCAA first-round game was a tense battle between two teams very familiar with each other. Neither team led by more than six points until the very end, when DeSales scored the final eight points for a 56-48 win.

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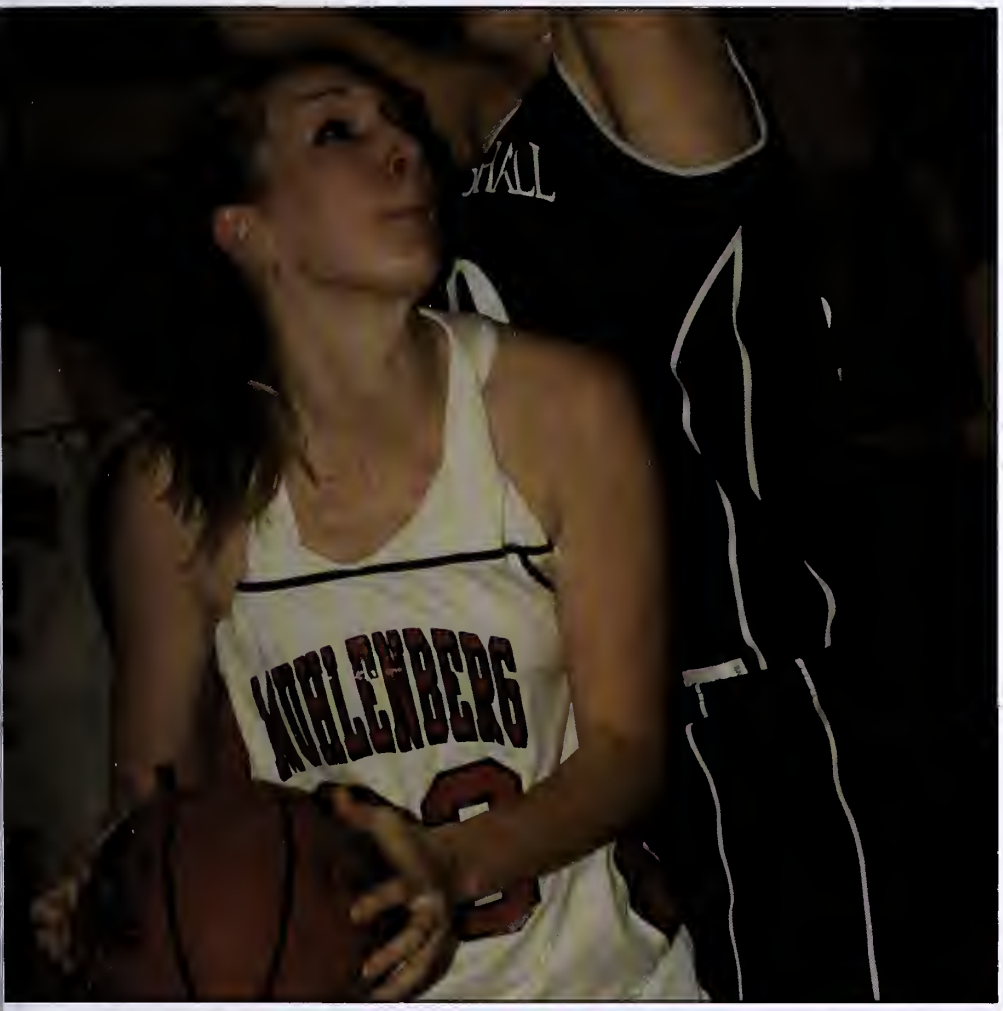
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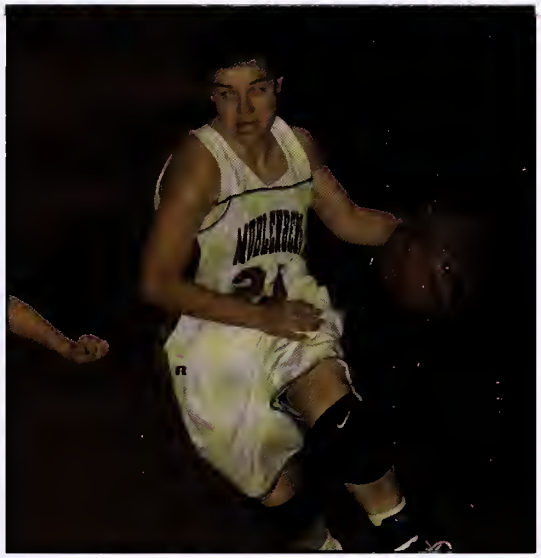

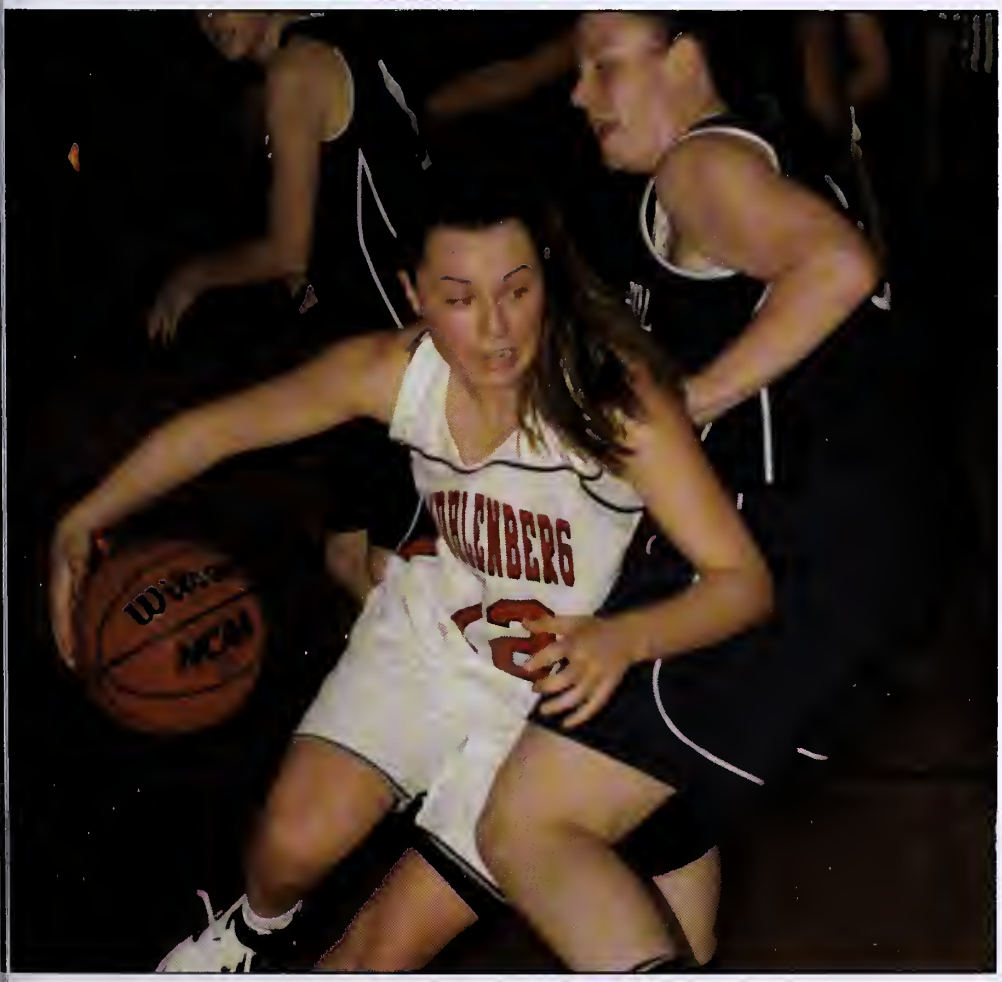
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Indoor Track

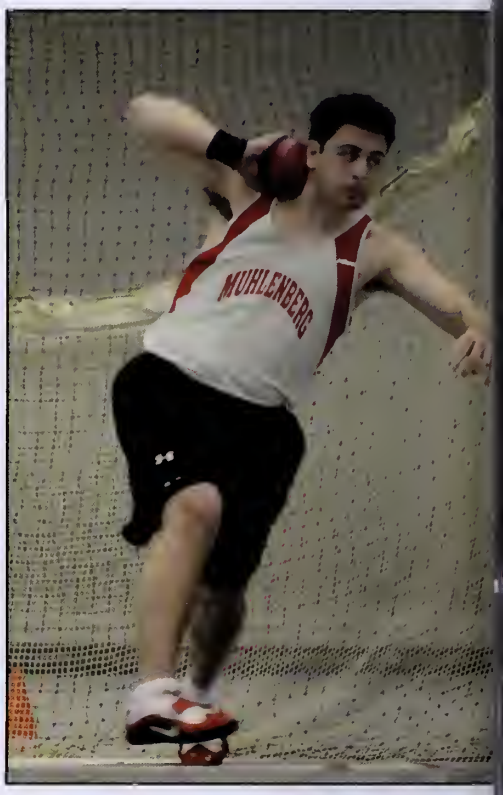
Leaders in their fields

The Mules record breaking season proved victorious for both the women's and men's track teams. After opening the season with a meet at Franklin & Marshall College, the Mules continued to break records and reach higher standards.

Sophomore Alex Faust, returned for another successful season by breaking her own school record in the pole vault. Faust provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships with a jump of 11-9 which also broke the Centennial Conference record. This height helped her place third at the ECAC track meet in Boston. At the Layfette-Rider Games in New York City, Faust also broke the school record for 200 meters with a time of 26.23, once again shattering her own record. At the same meet fellow sophomore Debra Crockett broke her school record in the shot put with a throw of 37-10 3/4 smashing the old distance by over a foot.

At the Centennial Conference meet, Faust placed first in the pole vault and walked away with a gold medal in the 400 meters. Senior Erika Koop also had a successful day finishing second in the high jump, seventh in the triple jump and eight in the shot put. Other medal winners included Crockett, who finished third in the shot put, a fourth-place finish in the 4x200 meter relay with Faust, Emily Karel, Lindsey Weidmann and Amanda Martini. Freshman Weidmann, also placed fourth in the pole vault. By the end of the weekend, many of the athletes had achieved personal best times concluding the indoor season.

While women's team saw success throughout the season so did the men's program. The team was led by Junior Stuart Udis who also banked a pair of gold medals the Centennial Conference meet. Udis broke the school record in the 800 meters finishing first at the conference meet. Udis was also a part of the gold winning 4x800 meter relay team composed of David Chorney, Patrick Thornton and Bobby Torphy. The group of boys also captured a gold medal at ECACs in the same event breaking a schol record with a time of 7:52:52. At the same meet, Timothy Van Syckle ran a personal best breaking the school record in the 5000 meters with a time of 15:16.



Senior Adam Carter was another mule who overcame a height of 5-11¼ in the high jump to place sixth at the Centennial Conference meet. Sophomore Brendan Kirk notched a pair of fifth-place finishes in the 400m (52.69) and the 55m hurdles (8.21). All in all, the Muhlenberg track and field team were truly leaders in their

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Wrestling

Late season proves to be victorious

Every team wants to perform its best at the end of the season, but the Muhlenberg wrestling team experienced most of its success in 2007-08 in the first half of the campaign. The Mules finished only sixth at the Centennial Conference Championships and, for the first time in 10 years, did not qualify a wrestler for the NCAA Tournament.

The ending spoiled a season whose highlights included a win against a nationally ranked opponent, two wrestlers earning national rankings and five Mules winning a total of nine tournament titles. Muhlenberg opened the season by crowning three champions – juniors Billy Hall (141), Rob Kein (149) and Matt Horn (184) – at the King's Monarch Invitational. It was the first career title for Horn, who earned his second the following week at the Ursinus Fall Brawl.

The Mules finished the fall portion of their schedule by placing eight wrestlers at the prestigious Messiah Petrofes Invitational, then picked up where they left off a month later with three titlists at the Williams Invitational. One of them, Kein, was named Most Outstanding Wrestler, and when the next Division III rankings came out he was listed eighth at 149. At Muhlenberg's next tournament, the Washington and Lee Invitational, senior heavyweight Joe Tartar, who was ranked 10th in Division III in the preseason poll, won his fifth career championship, and junior 174-pounder Justin Fitch captured his first.

As the schedule shifted to dual meets, however, the team was plagued with injuries and the flu, most notably when it had to forfeit five weight classes in a match at Ursinus. The Mules went 4-8 in duals (2-5 in the CC), although they did close out on a high note with a 25-21 upset of 26th-ranked Messiah.

Hall and Fitch reached the championship finals at the CC Championships, although neither was able to come away with a title. Horn finished third for the third consecutive year. Both Hall and Kein had successful seasons after moving up a weight class from the ones at which they were national qualifiers as sophomores. Hall ended the year with a team-best 27-5 record and placed in the top three in six tournaments. Kein finished at 25-6. Two other juniors, Fitch and Horn, enjoyed breakout seasons. Fitch went 21-6, nearly doubling his win total (23) from the previous two seasons. Horn was 24-7 with a team-leading 11 pins.

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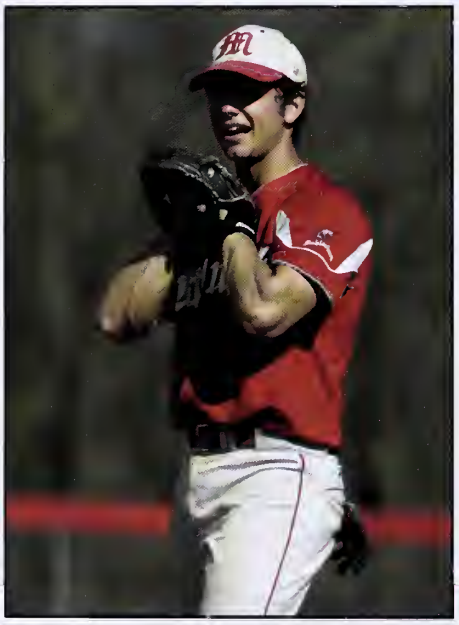

Baseball

Strong finish makes a memorable season

Although the Muhlenberg baseball team finished the 2008 season with a very ordinary sounding 20-20 record, it doesn't take perfect vision to see what a fabulous year it was. After going 9-25 overall and 4-14 in the Centennial Conference in 2007, the Mules rebounded to post the third 20-win season in school history. The 11-win improvement was the best ever by a Muhlenberg baseball squad, and the seven-game CC upturn tied for the second-best in league history.

And the wins were important ones. Picked to tie for seventh in the CC preseason poll, the Mules finished fourth to earn their first playoff berth since 2003. The key victory of the season was an 8-5 defeat of eventual national runner-up Johns Hopkins. Muhlenberg was characterized by a potent offense that set school records for runs scored (326), triples (28) and extra-base hits (103) in a season and runs scored in a doubleheader (36 vs. Wisconsin Lutheran) and tied the mark for hits in a game (27 vs. Penn State Berks). The Mules reached double figures in runs 14 times, topping the 20-run mark on three occasions.

But the success was due to more than bats. Muhlenberg was second in the CC with a .962 fielding percentage in league games and tied for fifth in Division III in double plays turned per game. And the young pitching staff, though far from dominant (with one exception), pieced together enough good innings.

Grabbing most of the headlines were a pair of talented stars in junior outfielder Christian Conti and sophomore pitcher Phil Cresta. Conti was named CC player of the year and became the program's first first-team all-region selection after hitting .380 and setting school records for runs (49), triples (11), home runs (11), RBI (60), extra-base hits (29) and total bases (116). The Division III leader in triples and triples per game (0.28) also ranked in the top 15 in the country in RBI per game (1.50) and slugging percentage (.817). He is believed to be only the second player in Division III history to reach double figures in triples and home runs in the same season.

Cresta emerged as one of the top pitchers in the CC, going 8-3 to tie the school record for wins in a season. The southpaw was nearly unhittable in an eight-day stretch in which he allowed no runs and eight hits in 20 innings against CC rivals Gettysburg, Ursinus and McDaniel. Cresta ultimately set a school record for consecutive scoreless innings (24.2) and earned a spot on the All-CC second team.

Two days after toppling Johns Hopkins, the Mules began a five-game winning streak that marked them as serious playoff contenders. Three of the wins (two vs. Gettysburg and a 16-0 shutout of Ursinus) came on the road against 2007 CC playoff qualifiers. The Mules were eliminated from the double-elimination playoffs with losses to Johns Hopkins and Haverford. Conti was but one of several players to put up outstanding offensive numbers. Junior Edward Risener hit .314 in his first year as a regular and drove in 50 runs, which broke the previous school mark of 41. Junior Eric Hammond sparked the team from his leadoff spot, hitting .336, and was one of the toughest players in Division III to strike out, whiffing only three times in 166 plate appearances.

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Softball

Belting in runs pumps up batting averages

The Muhlenberg softball team started the 2008 season with a 4-3 win against Wartburg, ranked No. 2 in the Division III preseason poll. The last weekend of the season, the Mules split with Ursinus, which went on to win the Centennial Conference championship and come within one game of the Division III World Series. In between, however, the results were not so great, and Muhlenberg ended the campaign with an 8-28 record.

The Mules struggled to hit for most of the season, batting only .228 as a team and getting shut out 10 times. The bats did heat up right at the end, as Muhlenberg scored eight runs in each of its last three games – the first time the team put up eight runs in three straight games since 2That late surge was promising for a young lineup that did not have any seniors. The Mules had six freshmen who saw significant playing time, and four of them hit home runs during the season.

Junior catcher RiRi Ferrigno batted .311 and earned first-team All-Centennial Conference honors. She belted two home runs, including her second career grand slam, and drove in a team-leading 20 runs. Behind the plate, Ferrigno committed only two errors in 176 chances.

Junior Samantha Crist hit .270 and led the team in runs scored (18), stolen bases (5), walks (12) and sacrifices (6). Sophomore Allie Saltstein showed considerable improvement over the course of the season, hitting .325 over her final games to finish with a .250 batting average.

Among the freshmen, Jess Kasza led the Mules with a .321 batting average, 34 hits and 9 doubles. Alyssa D'Addio started the first 29 games at shortstop before getting injured and h .244 with a pair of home runs. Alyssa Bruckner picked up two wins on the mound. The young talent points to a bright future for the program, but that future won't include 12-year head coach Ruth Gibbs, who retired after the season. Gibbs earned her 200th career win when Muhlenberg defeated Beloit, 6-3, in Florida.

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Men's Lacrosse

Players receive national acclaim

The 2008 season was one long push to the playoffs for the Muhlenberg men's lacrosse team, which received national acclaim in only its sixth varsity season.

After dropping their first three Centennial Conference games, the Mules knew they could not afford another loss if they were to earn their first playoff berth. Starting with a 15-5 home win against Swarthmore and ending with a dramatic 9-8 victory at Ursinus almost a month later, Muhlenberg won eight in a row (five in the CC) to qualify for the playoffs in one of the strongest conferences in Division III. The run came to an end with a 13-3 loss to third-ranked Gettysburg in the CC semifinals. The Mules finished their best season ever with a record of 10-5, setting a school record for wins.

In the first league game of the season, Muhlenberg threw a scare into eighth-ranked Washington, a team that had won the previous five meetings by an average of more than nine goals. Road losses to Gettysburg and Haverford followed, but when the Mules returned home for the last Saturday in March they began churning out one program milestone after another: their first home win against Swarthmore, their first win at Franklin & Marshall (9-8 in triple overtime), their first back-to-back CC wins, their first win against Dickinson (9-4) since the reinstatement of men's lacrosse as a varsity sport, their first four-win CC season (after a 10-7 defeat of McDaniel), their first five-game winning streak (after a 14-8 win against FDU-Florham).

With each milestone and triumph, Muhlenberg gained in confidence, and others began to take notice. The Mules extended their winning streak to six by doubling up Montclair State, 8-4, on Senior Night, and when the national poll came out the following week, Muhlenberg was listed as receiving votes.

Senior midfielder Kyle Farris and junior defenseman John DeLuca were voted to the All-CC first team, becoming the Mules' first two first-team CC selections, and later they became the program's first All-Americans, both earning honorable mention. Farris, who scored the game-winning goal in the Ursinus game, ended his career as Muhlenberg's leader with 101 goals, including a school-record 36 in 2008. DeLuca led a defense that ranked fourth in the CC in goals-against average and also emerged as a threat on offense with his long runs down the field, scoring six goals.

Senior Mickey Norton earned All-CC honorable mention after handing out 24 assists. He ended up as the Mules' all-time scoring leader with 123 points. Sophomores Matthew Schroeder and Ivan Brown and senior Luke Silverman joined DeLuca on the starting defense, while sophomore T.J. Dugan and freshman Tom Brant contributed as longstick midfielders.

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Women's Lacrosse

Lady Mules have a record smashing season

The first-ever trip to the Centennial Conference playoffs was the culmination for the Muhlenberg women's lacrosse team during the most successful season in program history. In a year highlighted by numerous individual and team records, the Mules qualified for the playoffs in a league featuring three of the top 15 teams in the country, including 2007 national champion Franklin & Marshall.

Only a season after Muhlenberg finished with a 2-7 mark in the CC, the squad manifested its tremendous improvement in concluding the 2008 campaign 11-5 overall and 5-4 in the league.

A few of the multiple records set by the 2008 Mule team include school standards for most victories in a season (11), most wins in the CC (5) and highest winning percentage (.688). The prolific Muhlenberg attack also set a record for goals in one season (248) and goals per game (15.5). Much of the success should be credited to the teamwork exercised by the Mules, who registered 10 assists, including a school-record 16 in a 20-9 win against Haverford.

Handling the playmaking duties was senior Taylor Armstrong, who not only set school records for season assists (50) and career assists (88), but also ranked fifth in Division III in helpers per game (3.13).

Junior Ruth Morrongiello paced the high-octane Mule offense with 41 goals on the season, including the 100th of her career. She also led the squad in draw controls with a school-record 59 and ranked second in the conference with 3.69 per game. Three Muhlenberg players earned All-CC honors as sophomore Amanda McGovern (37 goals, 17 assists) was a second-team selection, while Armstrong and Morrongiello received honorable mention.

Sophomore Alyssa Bascelli enjoyed a breakthrough season with 30 goals and a team-leading 20 caused turnovers from the midfield. She was one of five Mules to score at least 30 times, and freshman Rachael Goldstein (29) just missed. Armstrong and classmates Marissa Capuano, Maura Lane and Kate Sawyer finished their collegiate careers as the winningest class in program history with a record of 38-25 (.603). For the third straight season, Muhlenberg remained undefeated against non-conference opposition, extending its winning streak to 22 encounters.

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Men's Tennis

Serving the competition

The 2007-08 Muhlenberg men's tennis season did not lack for success, dramatics or, unfortunately, injuries. The Mules finished the year with an 8-7 record, their first winning record and most wins since the 2003 squad went 9-2. Their 3-6 Centennial Conference mark ended a string of four straight years with only two league victories.

Of the eight wins, four came by the smallest of margins, 5-4. In three of those matches, Muhlenberg came back after losing two of the three doubles contests.

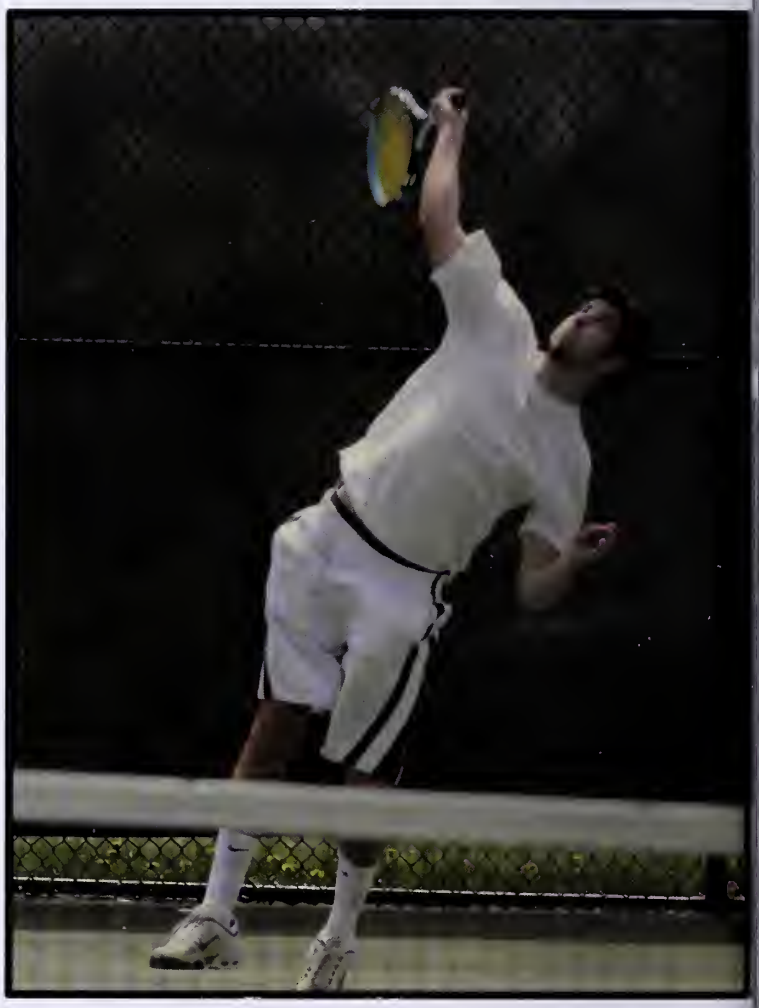
The team repeatedly displayed impressive fortitude despite playing shorthanded. Two of the three seniors on the squad were sidelined by injuries for the entire year, and two talented freshmen also missed time with injuries.

The Mules played an unusual schedule that had them on the road for the whole month of March and at home for all but the last match in April. After starting off 3-3, the team won its next four matches, beginning with an 8-1 victory at Goucher.

Returning home, Muhlenberg dispatched of Moravian, McDaniel and King's. Although the middle match was decided by a comfortable 8-1 margin, the other two came down to the wire. Junior Brian Wernick, playing at No. 2, was leading 5-1 in the third set when his Moravian opponent retired, giving the Mules a 5-4 victory against their local rivals. In the King's match, Wernick and sophomore No. 1 Robbie Goldwein both prevailed in three sets to pull out a 5-4 win.

Wernick played the role of hero again in a 5-4 defeat of Franklin & Marshall, winning 7-6, 7-5 in the last match on the court.

Freshman Wayne Mitchel led Muhlenberg in



singles wins during the spring, compiling an 8-3 mark, mostly at No. 5. Senior Jamie Goldman went 7-2 playing anywhere from third through sixth. Wernick finished with a 6-7 record, while Goldwein was 5-6 competing at the top of the ladder in the tough CC.

Mitchel and Goldman were the top doubles tandem, splitting 10 matches at No. 3. Freshmen John Osborne and Dan Zakheim captured the fourth and sixth singles brackets, respectively, at the Muhlenberg Fall Classic in their first taste of collegiate competition.

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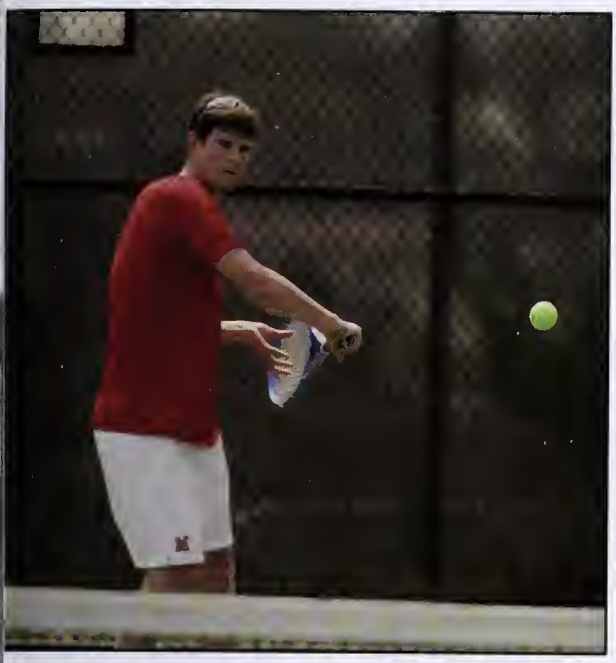

Women's Tennis

No room for 'love' on the court

During the 2008 season the renovated Muhlenberg women's tennis team recovered its reputation as one of the Centennial Conference elite teams and returned to the playoffs following a one-year layoff.

The Mules injected revitalizing fresh blood to their roster, as four freshmen joined the starting lineup, and positive results followed. Having tied for the uncharacteristic fifth place in the CC in 2007, Muhlenberg came back on the playoff map by finishing in third place with an 8-2 league mark. The Mules lost two of their first three matches, but the defeats came against nationally ranked opponents – No. 24 Vassar and defending CC champion No. 14 Johns Hopkins. After the loss to the Blue Jays, Muhlenberg reeled off six successive triumphs, including five in conference action. During the stretch the Mules either shut out their opponents or limited them to a lone point. Swarthmore snapped the victorious march, eking out a 5-4 victory, but Muhlenberg rebounded to defeat Franklin & Marshall (7-2) and Washington (5-4) to earn the No. 3 seed in the playoffs.

In a clash featuring the No. 8 and No. 9-ranked teams in the Atlantic South Region, Muhlenberg conceded a 5-2 loss to second-seeded Swarthmore in the semifinal stage of the CC tournament, wrapping up the 2008 campaign with a 9-5 overall record. In their first year playing as a unit, juniors Jenn Powell and Carly Rotfeld established a formidable partnership at No. 1 doubles and generated a 7-2 CC record, earning All-Centennial Conference honors and reaching the final at the fall CC Invitational. Powell was also saluted as a singles player as she finished 7-2 in the league and 11-6 overall.

The other two pairs, which consisted of freshmen, also demonstrated persistence on the court and a remarkable will to close out conference matches. The No. 2 doubles team of Caitie Druker and Sara Sutker went 7-2 in the CC, while Danielle Winston and Lindsay Schmidt at No. 3 doubles finished with eight victories and two losses in the CC and 15-4 overall.

Druker completed her first season with an impressive 13-5 singles record, including a team-best 8-2 league mark.

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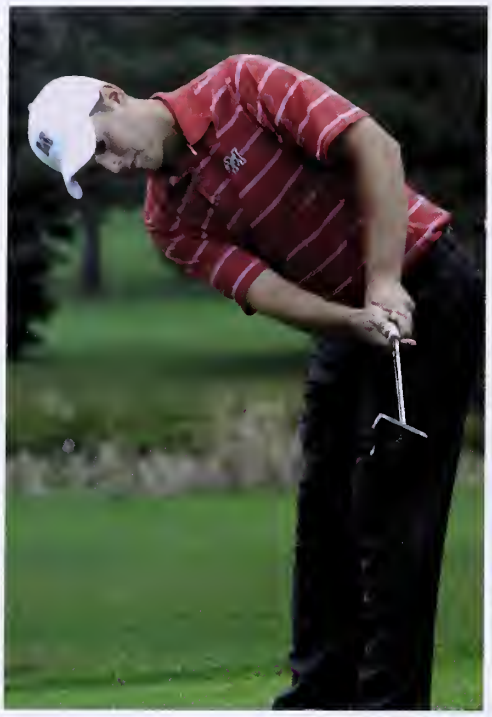

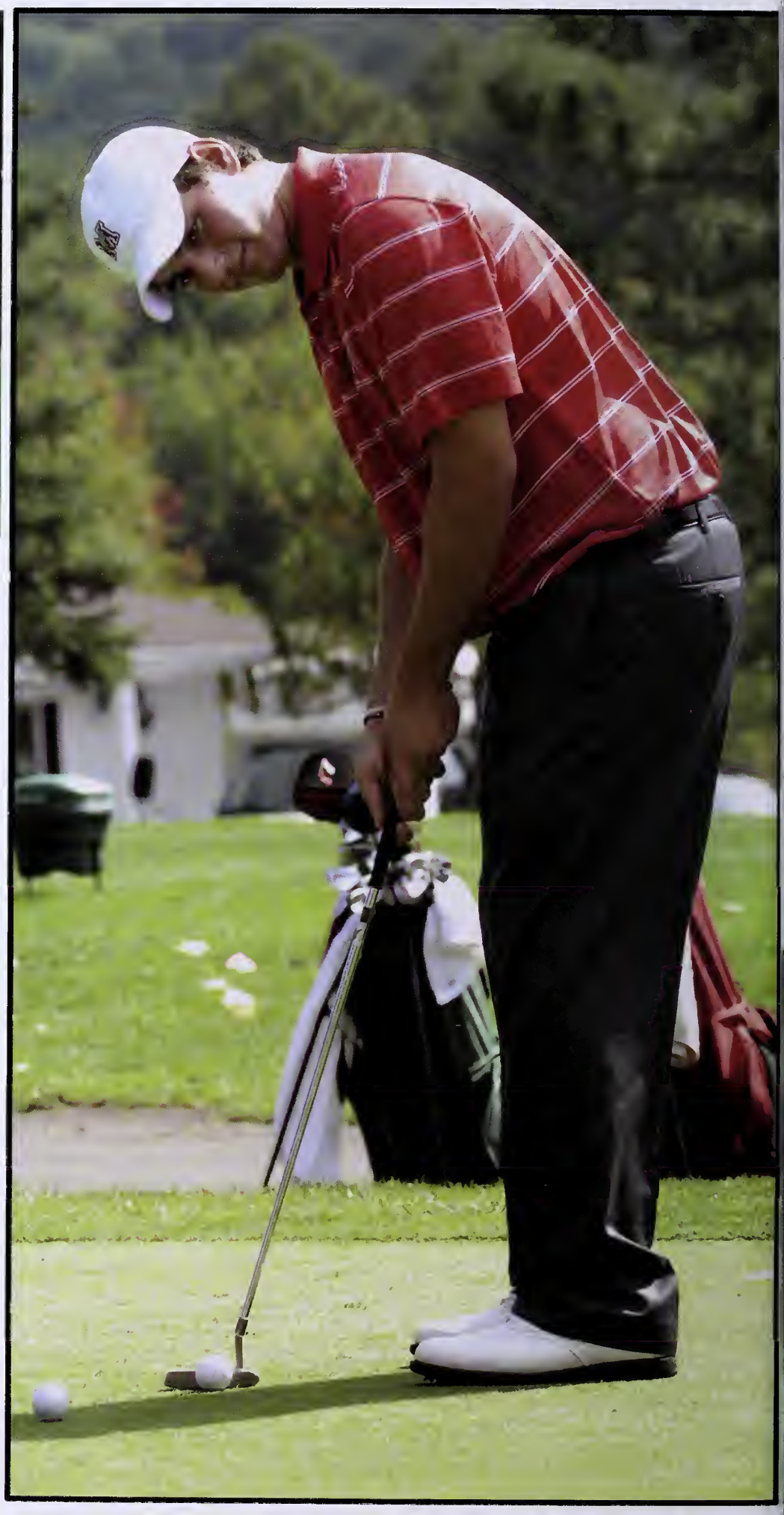

Men's Golf

Taking home silver medals

The Muhlenberg men's golf team had nowhere to go but up after placing seventh at the 2005 Centennial Conference Championships. And that's just where the team went, nearly reaching the pinnacle of the CC in 2008. The Mules led the CC Championships by four strokes after the first two rounds, and even though they were overtaken by McDaniel on the final day, they still finished second. It was the third straight year of improvement for Muhlenberg, after finishing fifth in 2006 and fourth in 2007.

In spite of the near-miss in their final competition, the Mules had an outstanding year, winning three tournaments for the first time since the 2000-01 campaign. Muhlenberg gave a sign of things to come at its opening tournament, the Wesley Invitational. Sending the same five golfers as they did in the fall of 2006, the Mules improved by 10 strokes and finished fourth.

Junior Bill Snow became the first Muhlenberg player to win medalist honors since 2004 when he captured the Susquehanna Fall Invitational with a one-over par 73. Five days later, classmate Geoffrey Kelleman joined him in the winner's circle, leading the Mules to the team title at the Messiah Falcon Classic. Muhlenberg closed out the fall season by winning its own tournament for the first time since 2000, breaking a string of four consecutive second-place finishes. Sophomore Biff Slocum just missed becoming the Mules' third different medalist, shooting a 75, one stroke off the lead.

The team got off to a slow start in the spring, but turned it around in the last week before the CC Championships. Muhlenberg won the 19-team Susquehanna Invitational by four strokes over the host school and finished just two strokes behind first-place Lehigh at the annual Lehigh Valley Cup. Depth was a big key to the success, as seven of the nine team members shot a round of 76 or lower. Slocum had nine rounds in the 70s and finished with a team-leading average of 78.5. Kelleman averaged 78.9 strokes, an improvement of 2.6 from his sophomore year, and Snow bettered his average two strokes to 79.1. It was only the second time in the last 15 years that the Mules had three golfers average in the 70s.

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Women's Golf

Teeing it up

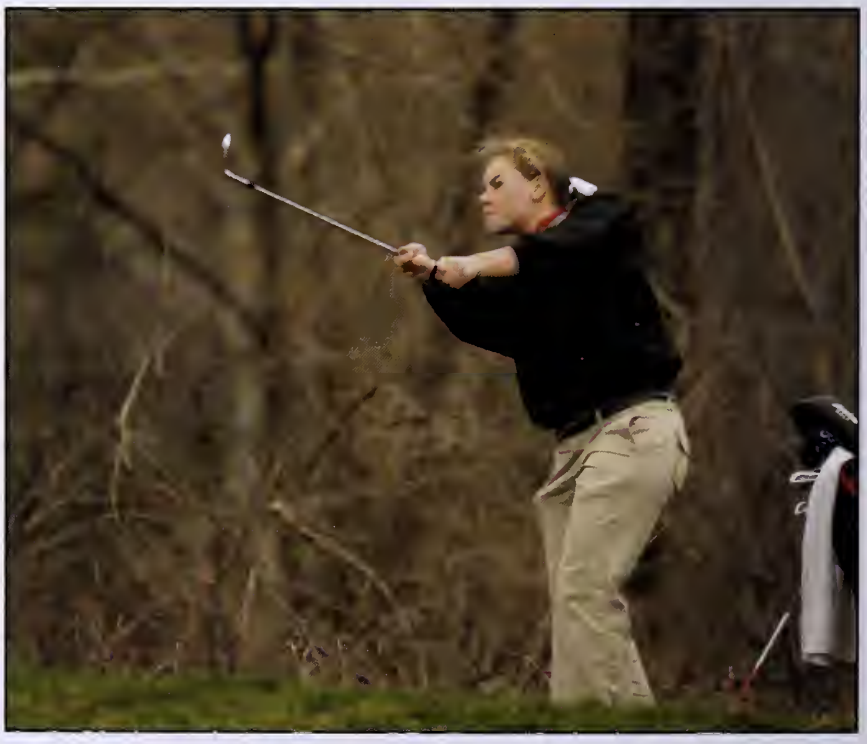
Losing two of the top three scorers from the 2007 Centennial Conference championship squad proved to be too much for the Muhlenberg women's golf team to overcome. The Mules finished fifth at the 2008 CC tournament, which they hosted at Olde Homestead Golf Club. They were passed by Dickinson in the second round of the Centennial Conference Championships by only three strokes.

Senior Dana Lynn Bielecki closed out her career by placing sixth at the CC Championships – missing her third consecutive All-CC designation by just one stroke. She shot a career-low round of 85 on the first day of the tourney. Bielecki's career stroke average of 96.3 was the second-best for a player who competed more than one year in the short history of the Muhlenberg program.

Junior Hayley Cush, the only other holdover from the championship team, averaged a career-best 106.6 strokes per round and shot a 97 at the Dickinson Invitational.

Sophomore Sarah Mellick averaged 106.0 strokes in her first year on the team, and freshmen Amy Venuto and Allison Siefert rounded out the squad.

Muhlenberg competed in four spring tournaments, with its low round of 395 coming on the first 18 holes of the CC Championships.



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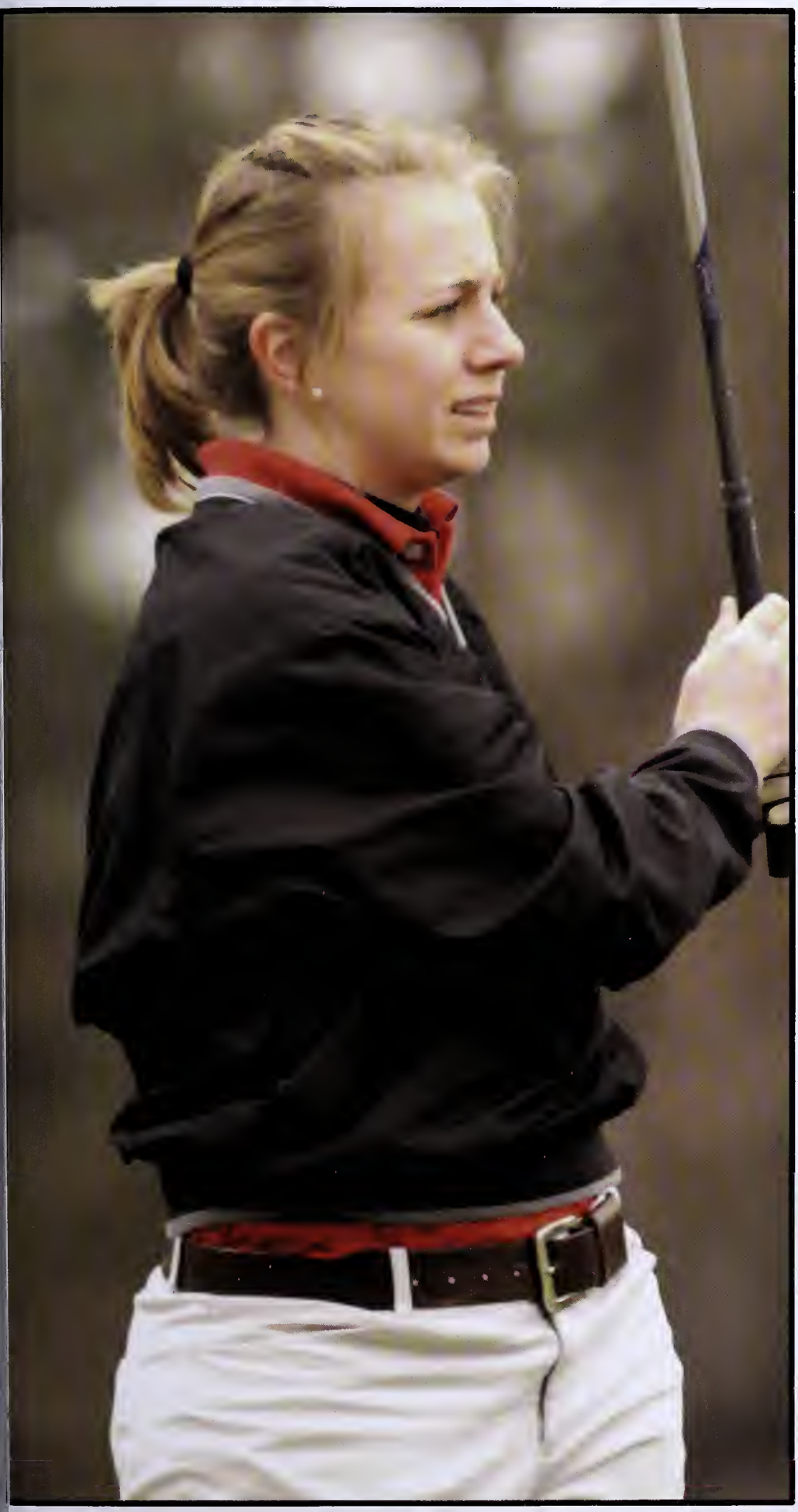

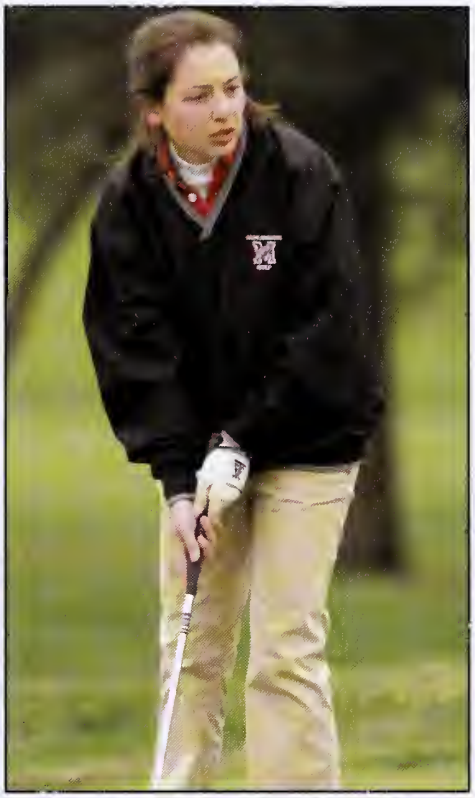

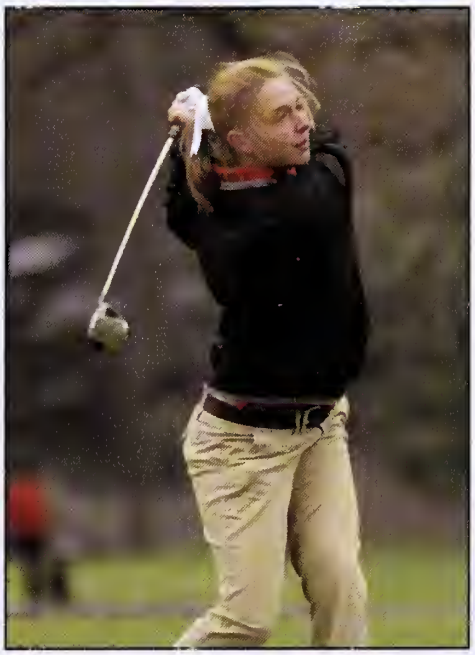

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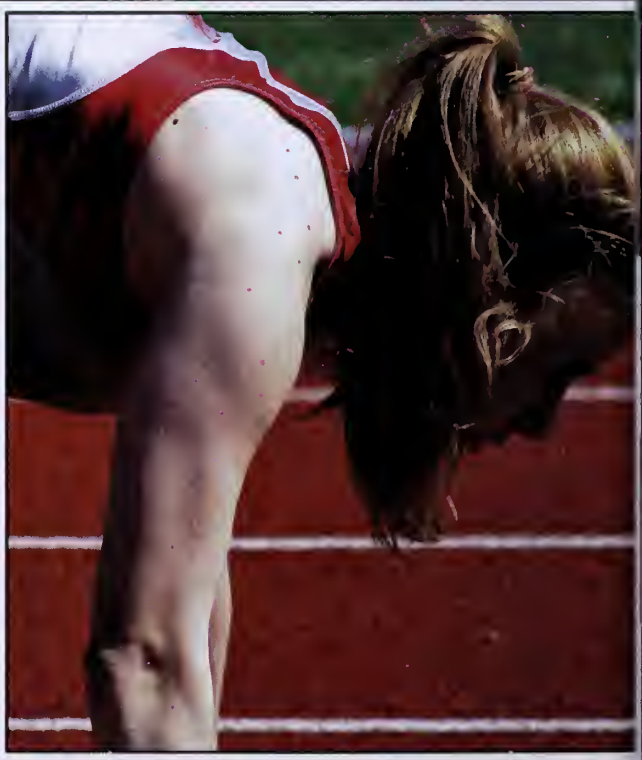
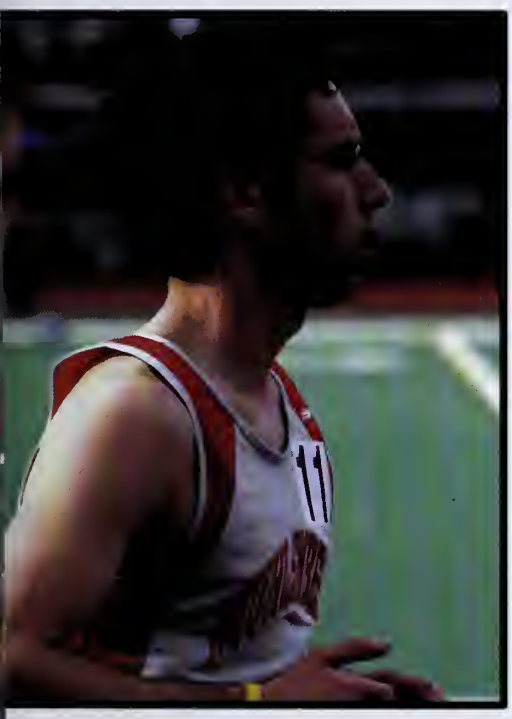


Outdoor Track

Quick feet, high jumps and far throws combine for a great season

At first glance, an outsider might look at the Muhlenberg track and field teams' 2008 Centennial Conference finishes and think that the Mules may not have done as well as in recent years. That is at first glance. The Muhlenberg women placed fifth at the CC meet both indoor and outdoors, while the men were fifth outdoors and sixth indoors. But with squads that were relatively small to begin with and suffered a series of untimely injuries to key performers, the Mules closed out the year with an incredible outdoor CC meet at Gettysburg, exceeding everyone's expectations with their performances.



In total, during the year the teams combined to set 15 school records and win six CC gold medals and one ECAC gold medal. Sophomore Alex Faust was responsible for three of the six CC golds, winning the pole vault both indoors and outdoors and the 400 meters indoors. She is the first athlete in Muhlenberg history to win the same event at the CC meet indoors and outdoors as a freshman and sophomore. Faust set indoor school records in the 200 and pole vault, provisionally qualifying for NCAAs in the latter, and tied her outdoor pole vault record.

Junior Stuart Udis had an outstanding indoor season before an injury sidelined him for the spring. He provisionally qualified for NCAAs in the 800 meters, contributed to three school records (800, 4x800 and 4x1600), and won three gold medals: two at the CC meet (800 and 4x800) and one at the ECAC Championships (4x800). The latter performance marked the fourth time in the last six years that a Mule men's relay team captured first place at the ECAC indoor meet. Muhlenberg's other gold medal came at the CC outdoor meet, when senior Michael Karchner won the decathlon for the second time in three years.

Juniors David Chorney and Timothy Van Syckle stamped their names on the record book in dramatic fashion. Chorney contributed to indoor records in the 3,000 meters, 4x800 and 4x1600 indoors, then found startling success in the steeplechase outdoors. At the Swarthmore Last Chance Meet, Chorney had taken 25 seconds off the old school record and missed the NCAA provisional mark by less than two seconds. He won a bronze in the steeple at the CC Championships and added a silver in the 1,500. Van Syckle also found extraordinary success in a new event, shattering the school record by almost a minute in his first stab at the 10,000 meters. Van Syckle also broke the indoor record in the 5,000 by almost nine seconds.

Other Mules to break school records in individual events were sophomores Debra Crockett (indoor shot put), Brendan Kirk (400 hurdles) and Jeremiah Lachaud (outdoor 200).

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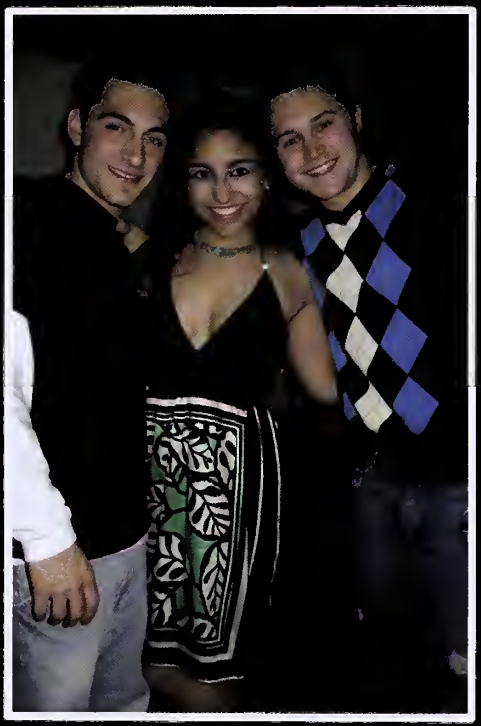

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Daniel Asip

Karim Assous

Julia Baker

Caitlin Bandfield

Jeremy Banner

Brittany Beatty

Ross Belfer

Peter Bennett

Jenna Bergamino

William Berger

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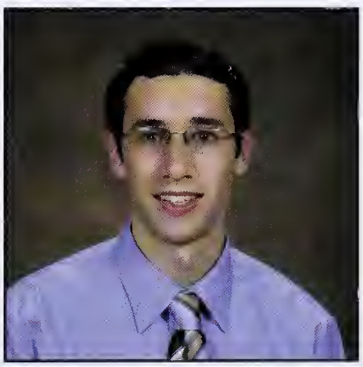

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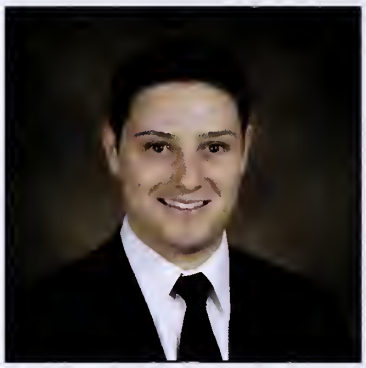

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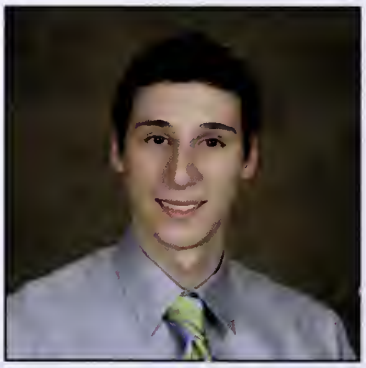

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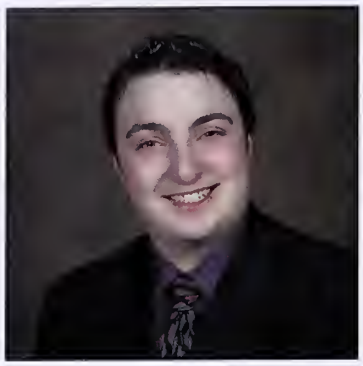

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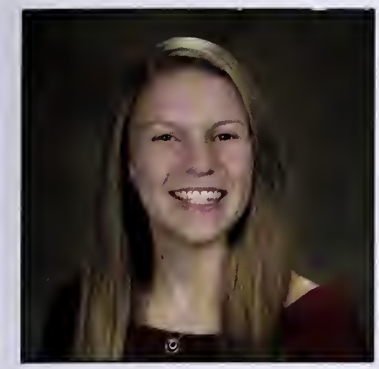

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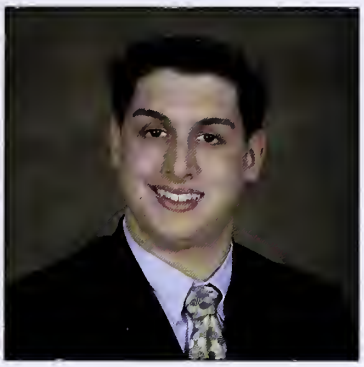

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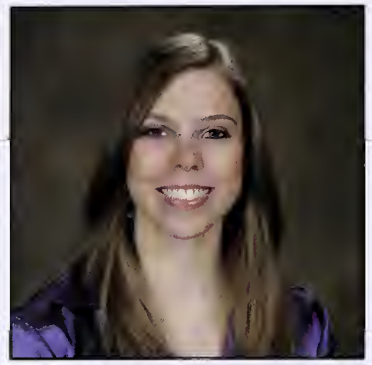

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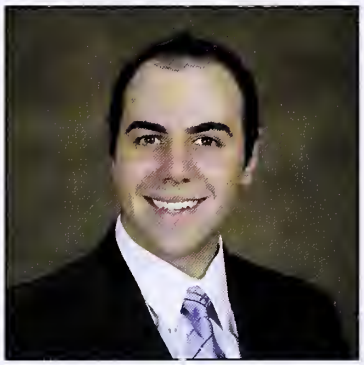

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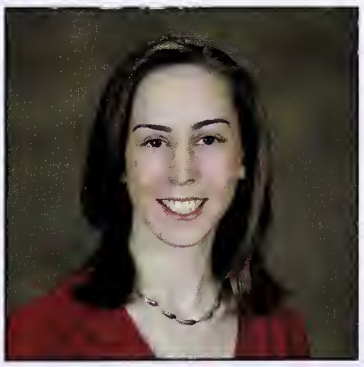

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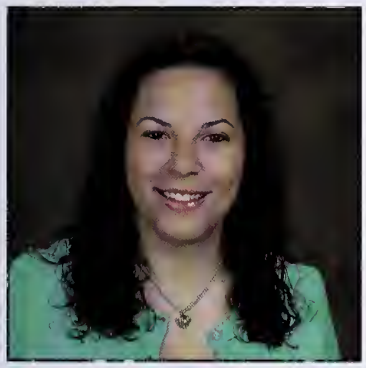

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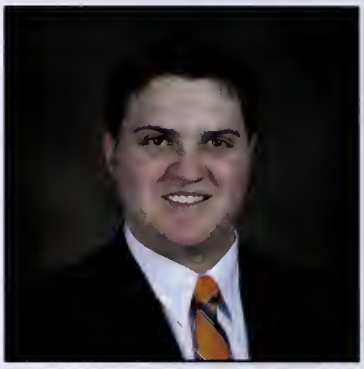

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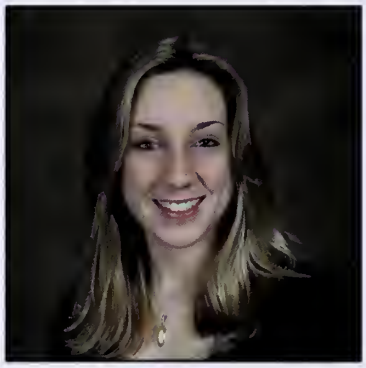

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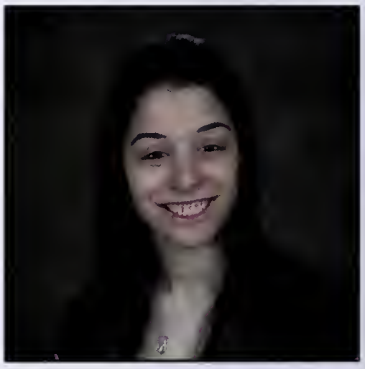

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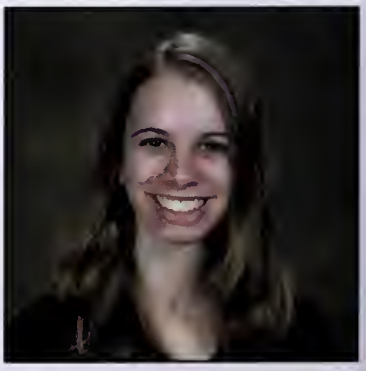

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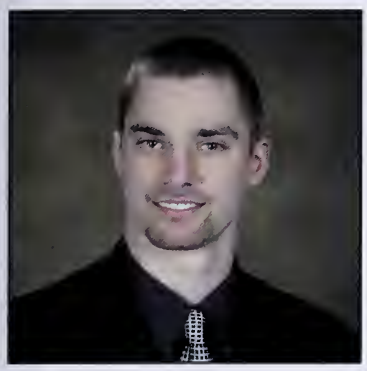

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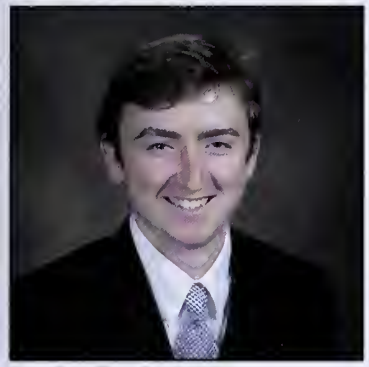

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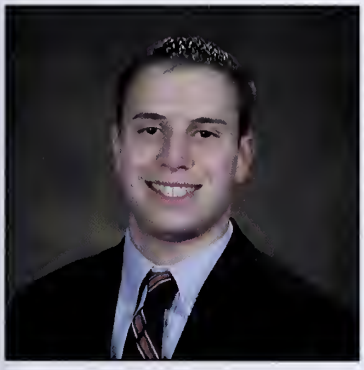

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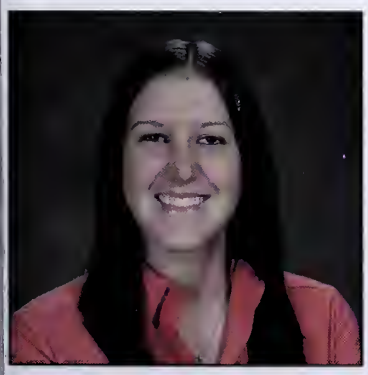

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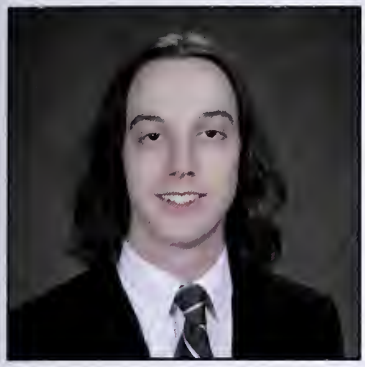

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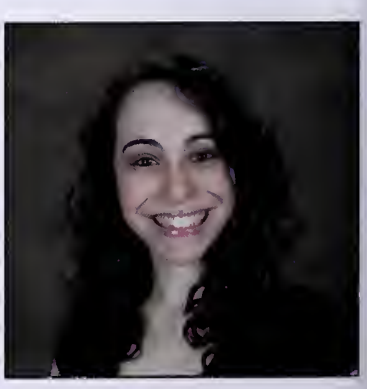

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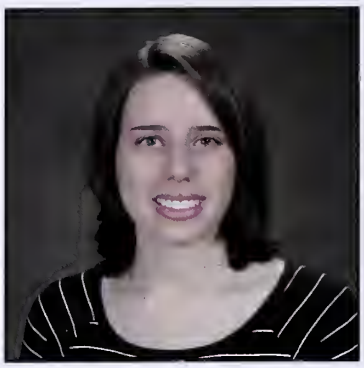

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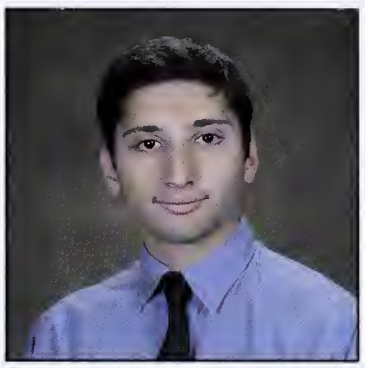

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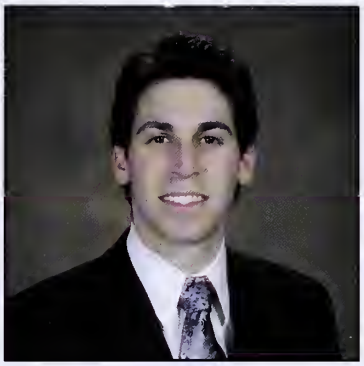

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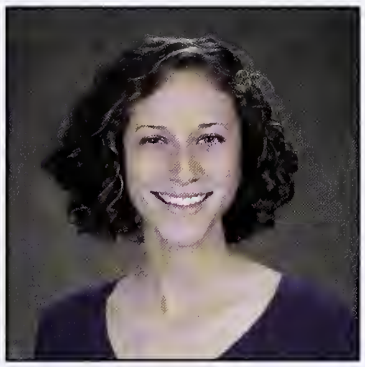

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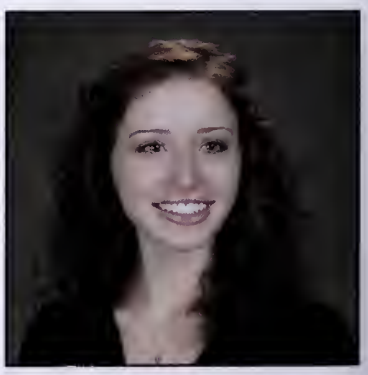

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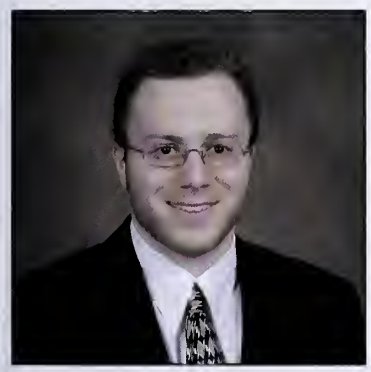

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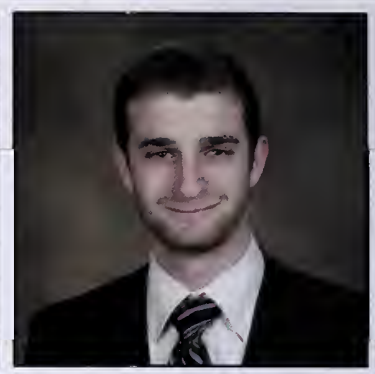

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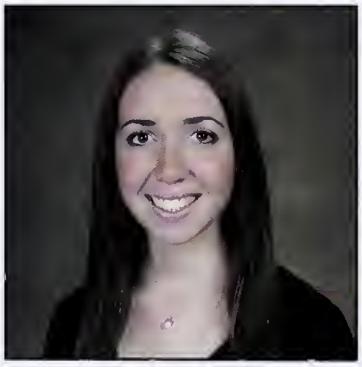

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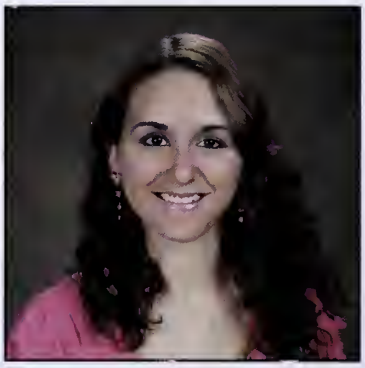

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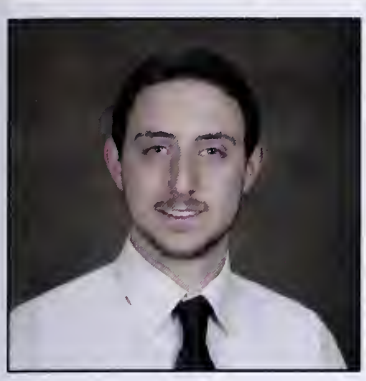

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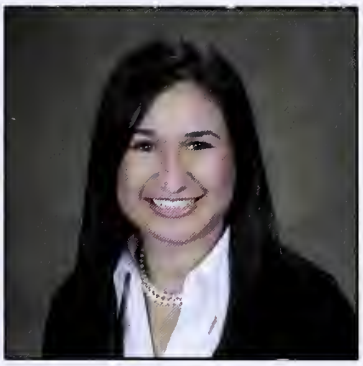

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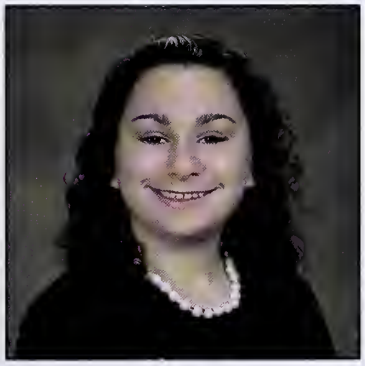

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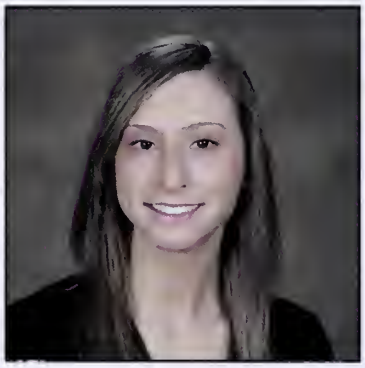

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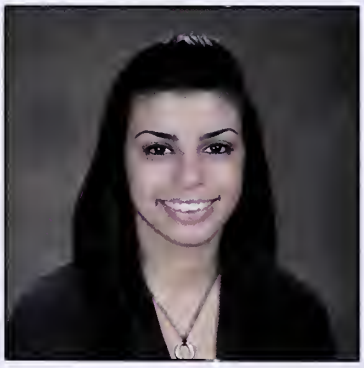

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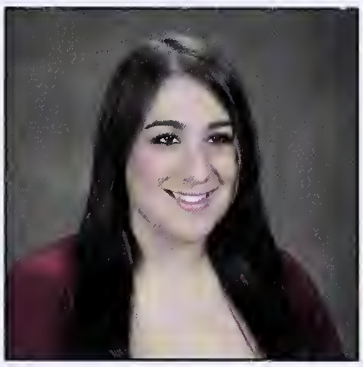

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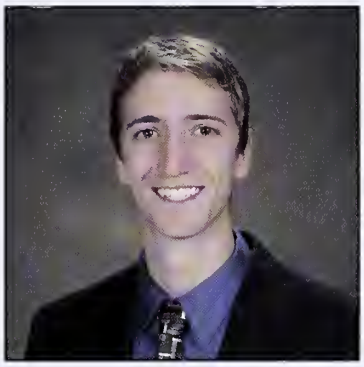

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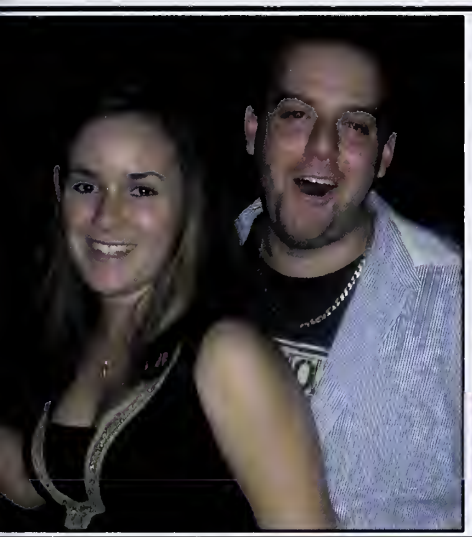
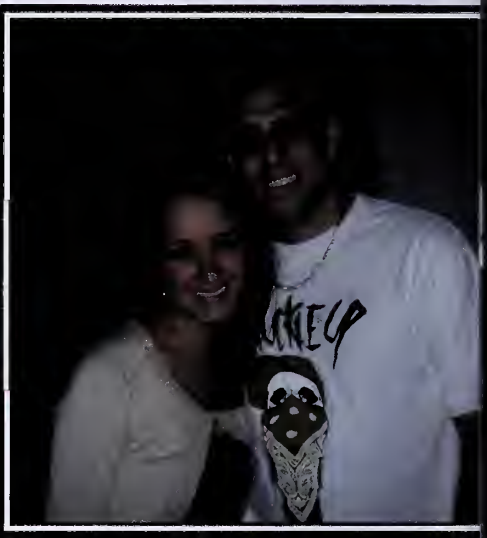


Muhlenberg seniors spend their free time traveling to senior pub nights all across Allentown or just hanging around with good friends.

These friends enjoy good times in between their studies making their senior year experience truly memorable.

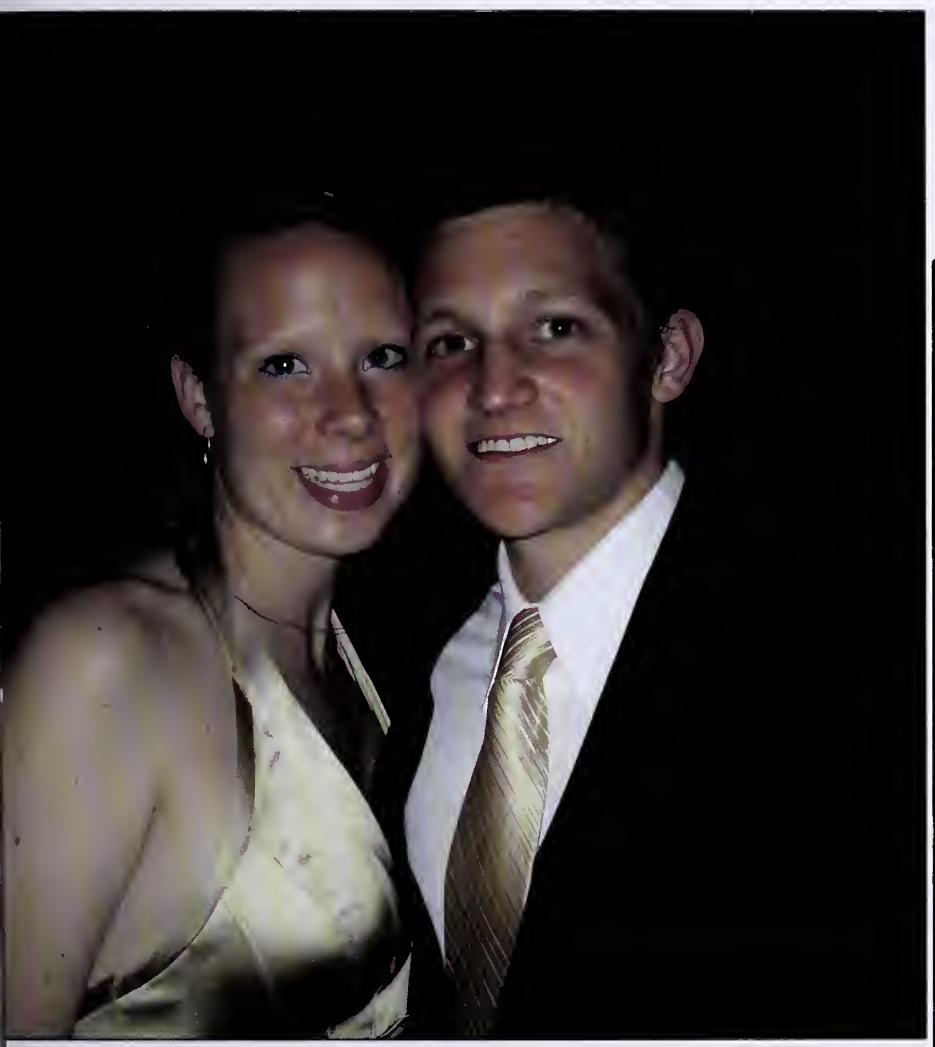


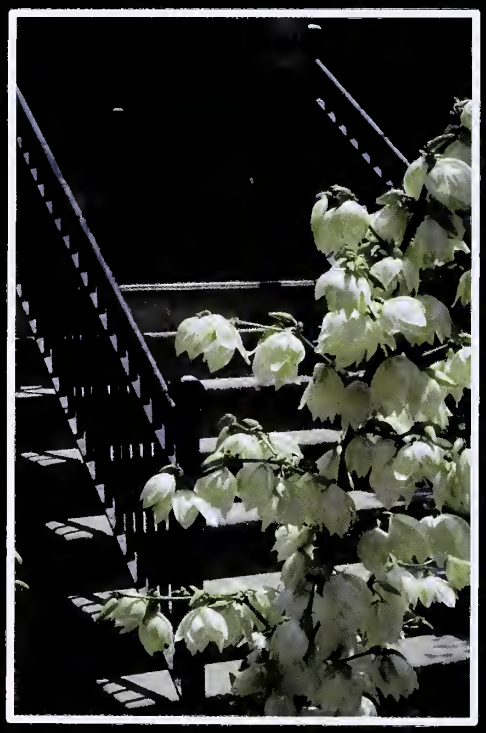
From late nights in the library to early mornings at senior pub night, seniors are up at all hours of the day.

Wrapping up the Senior Year Experience with a night to remember

The Class of 2008 was a part of the Senior Year Experience, a yearlong series of a variety of activities. The experience is described as "reflection, integration, and transition" in which seniors are offered additional opportunities inside and outside the classroom. Throughout the year, seniors participated in job fairs, wine and cheese nights and transition workshops which helped them to prepare for life after college. At the conclusion of classes, the seniors were presented with a weeklong series of activities during senior week. Events such as the senior surprise and the senior ball lead up to commencement. Pictures from the night can be seen on the right where various Muhlenberg seniors are pictured with their dates and good friends. This night was filled good music, good friends and a great time was had by all who attended.

Senior Ball





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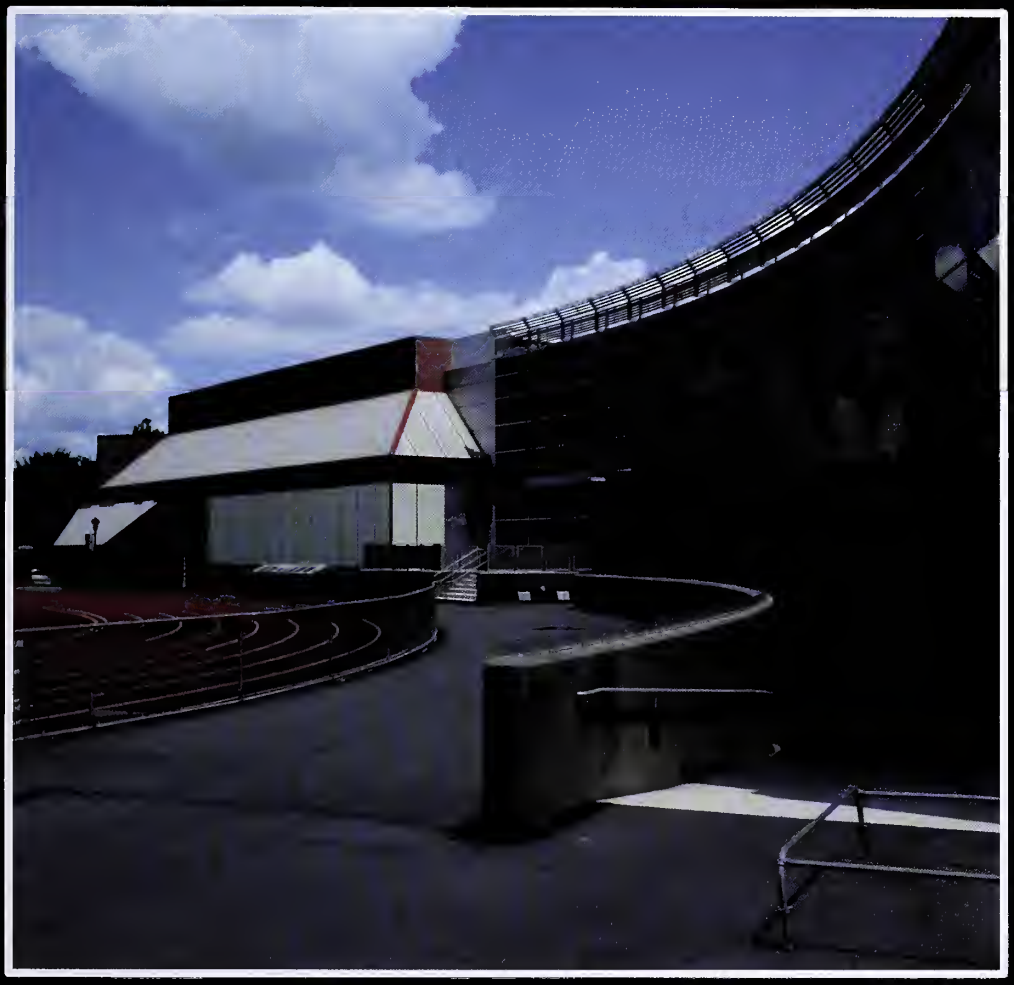

Pride Pride

Dear Jill,

Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of all that you have achieved. Your bright intellect and boundless talent matched with a beauty that shines both inside and out have helped shape you into the mature, poised and amazing your woman you are today. You are respectful, loyal, honest, trustworthy, and you know the meaning of being a true friend. These characteristics and your good sense of humor will help guide you through all of life's ups and downs.

We wish you a lifetime filled with good health, lots of happiness, and much success. You have enriched our lives in so many ways. We could not have hoped for a better daughter.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Niki,

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished.
Keep smiling!

All our love
Mom, Dad and San

Dear Tina,

Four years ago we wrote in your high school yearbook. At that time we said you had chosen high goals for yourself. Well, you went to Muhlenberg, worked very hard, studied and had fun and you succeeded. CONGRATULATIONS!

No family could be more proud than we are of you as a person and of your accomplishments. We are all here to support you as your continue toward your goal of becoming a doctor.

Four years from now we all look forward to celebrating your graduation from medical school and Dr. Melchionne will have achieved her goal.

We love you!!

Mom and Dad, Michael, Samantha, Nino and Danny, Ma, Aunt Mimi and Uncle Den, Denise, Rob, Ryan and Melissa and Nick

Congratulations to Carlo Morrongiello and best wishes to the Class of 2008

The Morrongiello Family

Dear Justin,

It's just the beginning of great things to come. You know what you want – **now go get it**! You constantly make us proud. You're handsome, smart and you continue to put the "**extra**" in "**ordinary**." To us, that's what you'll always be... **And that's our "unbiased" opinion.** We love you and wish you great success in your future endeavors. Congratulations!

All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, Jean & Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS JOE!!!

We wish you a lifetime of perfect swings!

Love,

Mom, Dad and Ben

Dear Amy,

As your Muhlenberg College years now come to close, a new chapter in your life begins. It seems like just yesterday when you were place in our loving arms after arriving from Korea at Kennedy Airport. A million words could never say how proud we are of you today. You've made every wish we have ever made come true by being the person you have become. Good luck on the Disney Internship! Follow your dreams and always believe in yourself. The doors are wide open and all the opportunities are waiting for you. As in one of your favorite Disney classics "It's possible, things are happening everyday."

With all our love
Mom, Dad, David, Grandma & "Lacey

Congratulations Stephanie Morffi!

Your parents are very proud of your next endeavor! Best of luck with your upscale shoe store called Step in 4 Mor on Allen St.

STEP in 4MOR

Congratulations! Your rode through it all like the champ that you are!

Love,
Mom &
Dad, Max,
Colette,
Beasly &
Lalo

Congratulations Dan!
We are so proud of you and wish you all the best life has to offer.
You are on your way!
With much love, Mom and Dad
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Daniel: You have been a tremendous ource of pride and joy since the day you vere born. Now you have grown to ecome a wonderful young man and our ride and joy have only gorwn as well. You ave your whole future ahead and we know will be filled with happiness and success.

Love, Mom and Dad

Joel,
Blessing to you -
Today and always!
We're proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Nathanael

Amanda Suzanne

How lucky we are to share your life and watch you blossom!

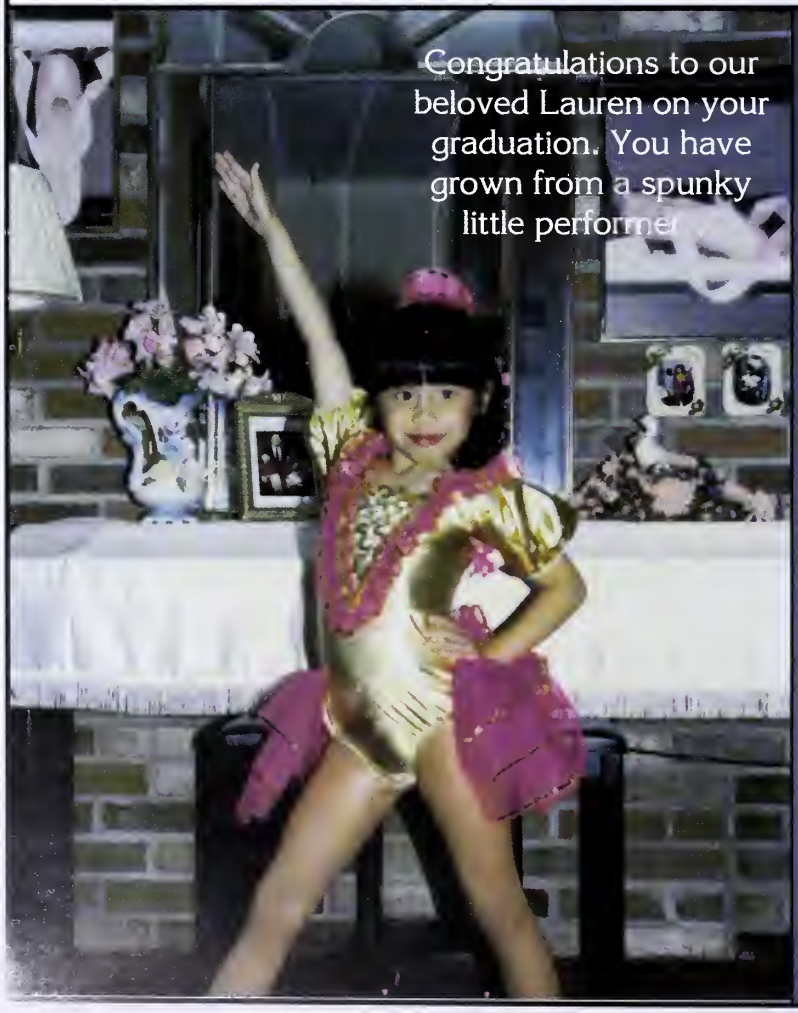
We love you and are so proud of what you have accomplished.

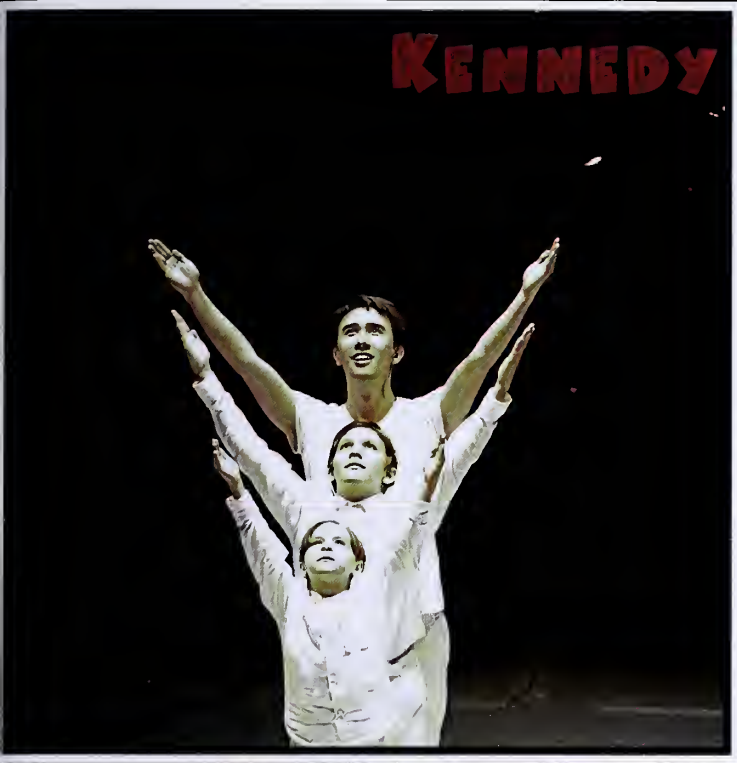
Love, Mom, Dad and Michael

To **laugh** often and much, to win the **respect** of **intelligent** people and the **affection** of children, to earn the **appreciation** of honest critics and **endure** the betrayal of false friends, to **appreciate beauty**, to find the **best** in others, to leave the **world** a bit **better**, whether by a **healthy** child, a **garden** patch or a **redeemed** social condition; to know even one life has **breathed** easier because you have **lived**. This is to have **succeeded!**

-Emerson

To Liz Houtsma:
Congratulations on all of your successes... the garden you planted in Costa Rica, the smiling faces of the children you cared for in Africa, and your graduation from Muhlenberg. We are so proud of you!
Always and forever, Mom & Vic - 2008





Kennedy Kanagawa

Celebrating an incredible four years at Muhlenberg, congratulations on all you have achieved!

Much love from your family
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"All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them"

-Walt Disney

Lauren,
Keep dreaming.
Love always,
Mom, Dad, and
Max

Congratulations Class of 2008 and to our Beth.

Another milestone has been achieved by you, and you continue to make us so very proud. Your smile is contagious. Your spontaneity and sense of humor keeps us all laughing. Your singing voice continues to amaze us while capturing our hearts.

You proved your ability to strive and constantly move forward. You remember and care for all the friends you have made along the way and include all of them in your life. Camp Schnapp has quite a large enrollment with a waiting list.

We love you and wish you happiness, and success in your future.

Love always:
Dad, Melissa, Brian, Alex and Scotty

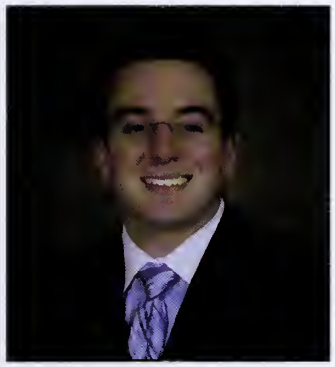
Rachel,

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so very proud of you and all that you have accomplished!

With love, admiration and hope,
Mom and Josh
GM and GP

ear Matt,
/hen you were born, we announced that a star was born! ittle did we know how true that was! You truly are a bright nd shining star, we are so proud of l your accomplishments and chievements at Muhlenberg and ok forward to all your future uccesses at Penn Dental. ongratulations on your aduation!! Cherish your emories! Our love, admirations nd best wishes for all the success nd happiness that life has to offer. ou have filled our lives with joy.



We are unbelievable proud!
Congratulations to Elysse and the entire Muhlenberg Class of 2008.
We wish you all futures brimming with excitement, good health, family, happiness and prosperity!

Carol and Myles Schiller & Family

Sarah Manning

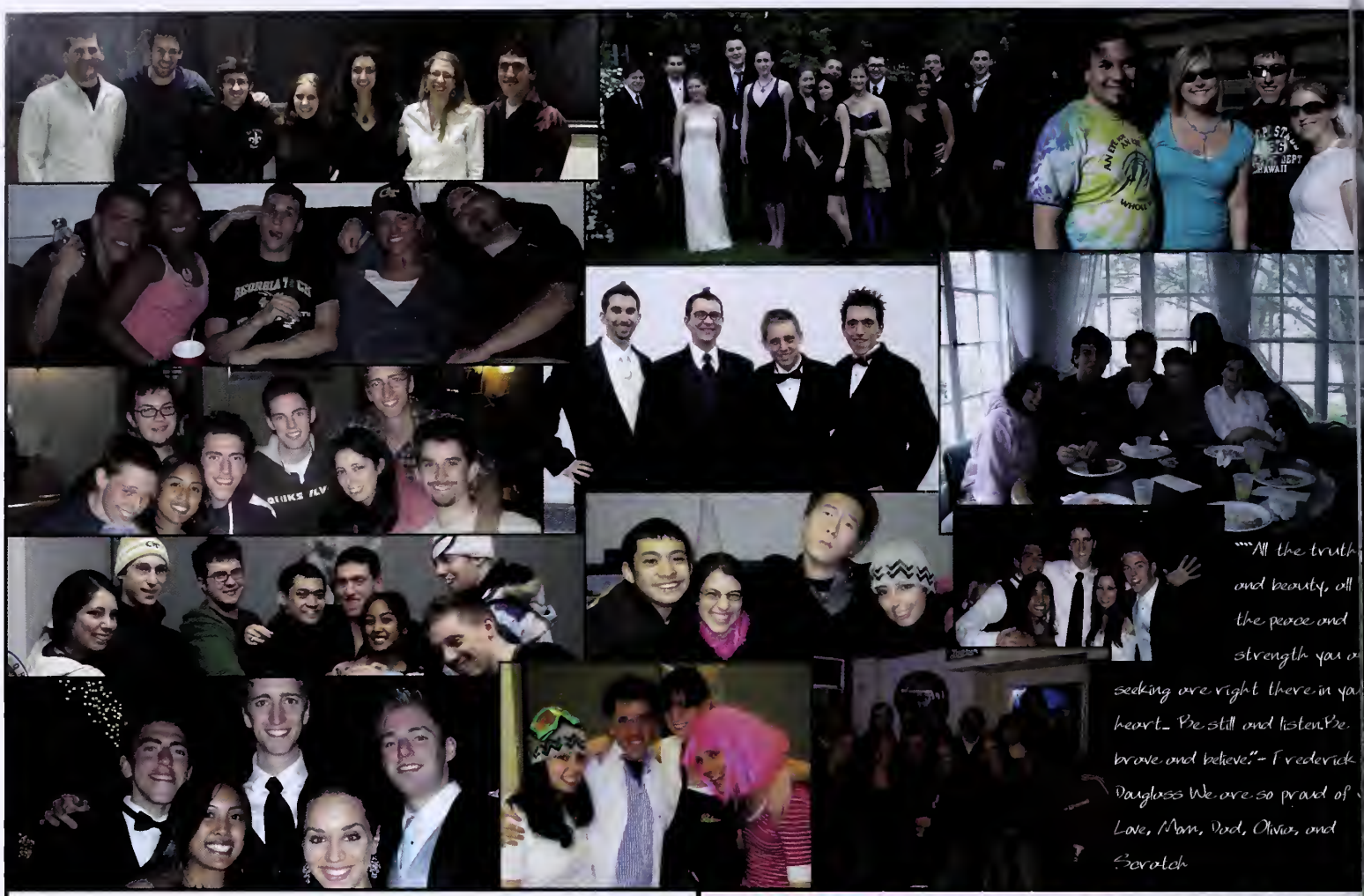
Congratulations!

You have done a great job as the fourth generation of our family to graduate from Muhlenberg!

Your success has prepared you for a very bright future.

We are very proud of you and happy for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Jessica



Dear Allison,

Upon your college graduation you have reached the wonderful plateau for new endeavors.

May your path lead to success and happiness. We are so very proud of you.

Much love always,
Grandma Bevie and Grandpa Sonny

Dear Allison,

We have always appreciated the warm and loving granddaughter you are. As you graduate from college, we are very proud of you and wish you much happiness and success!

Love,
Grandma Claire and Grandpa Paul

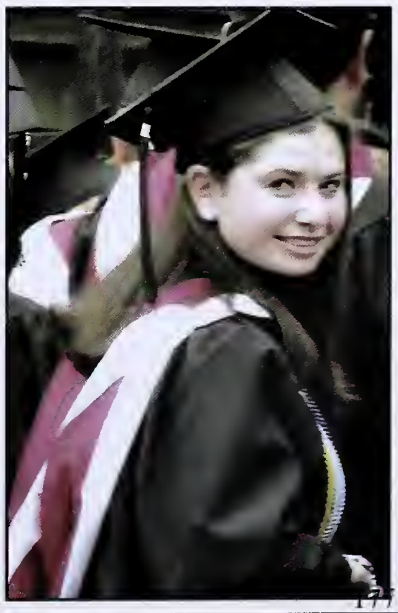
Dear Allison,

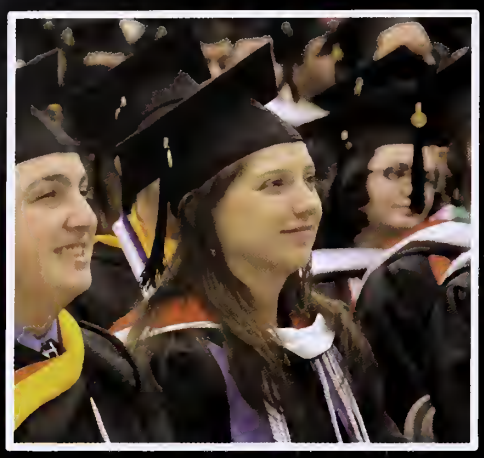
We are so very proud of you as you graduate from Muhlenberg College. You have matured into a beautiful young woman who possesses great determination, wisdom and wit.

Throughout the past four years, you have worked diligently, set high goals for yourself and achieved them. You have formed very special friendships, along with everlasting college memories, that we are certain you will always cherish.

Your graduation represents the beginning of a new exciting phase in your lifelong journey. Our wish for you is that this amazing journey be filled with all your dreams and aspirations. We will always be there to support you and we love you very much!

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Andrew, and Bentley





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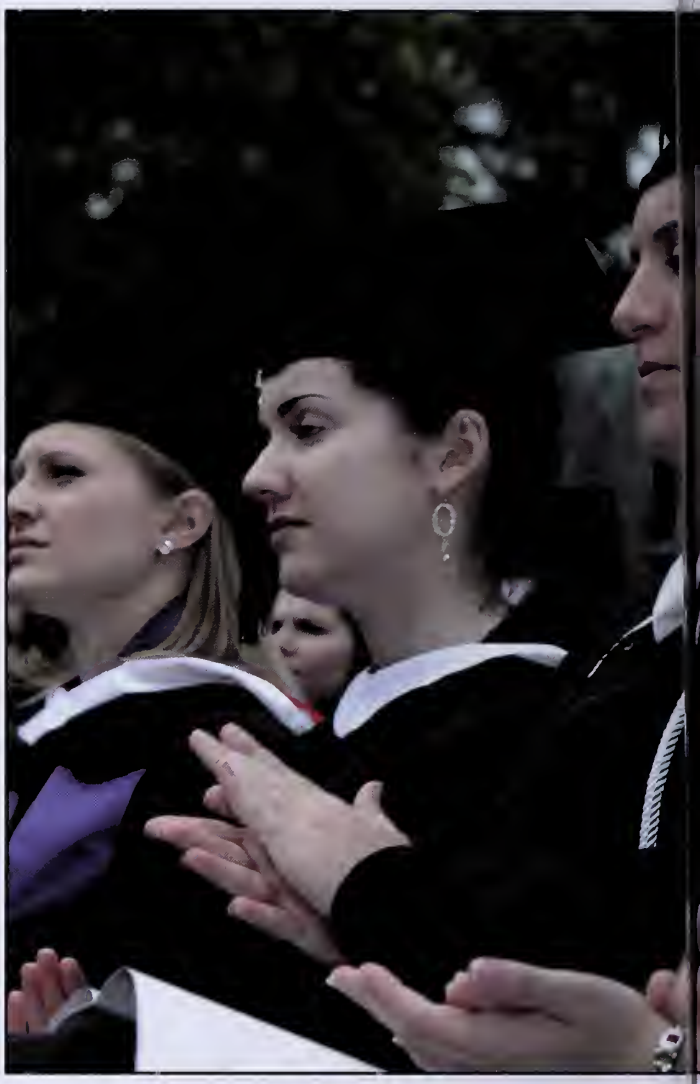
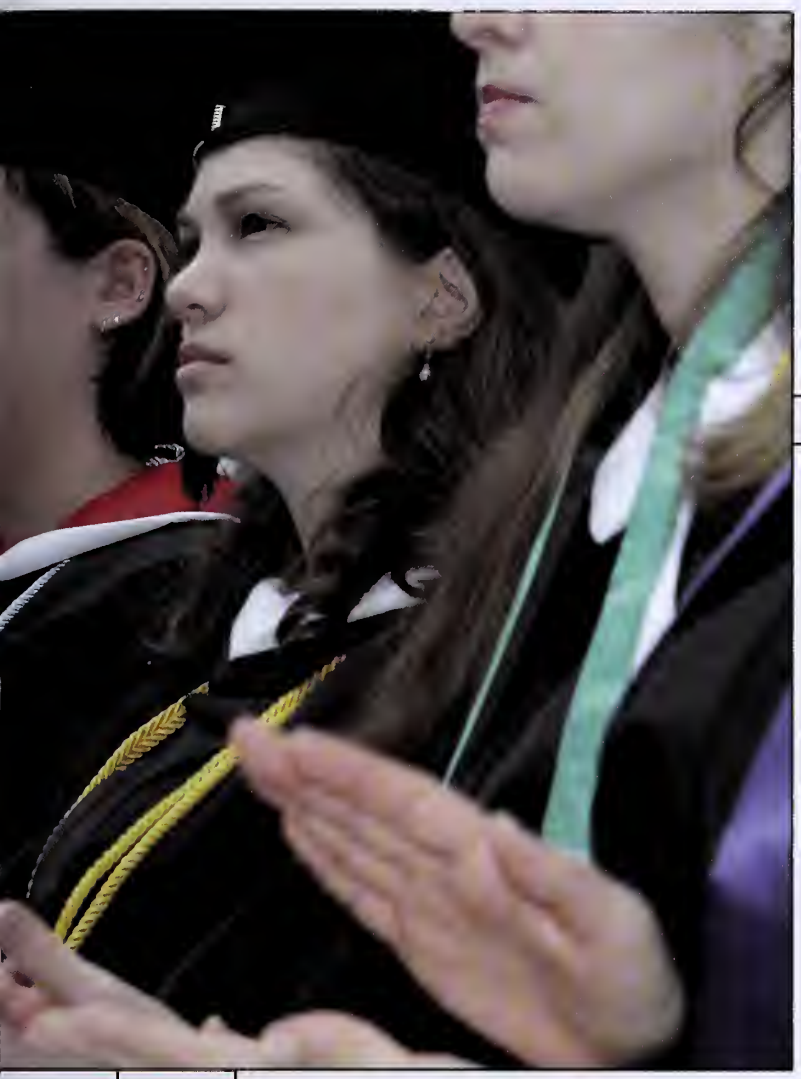
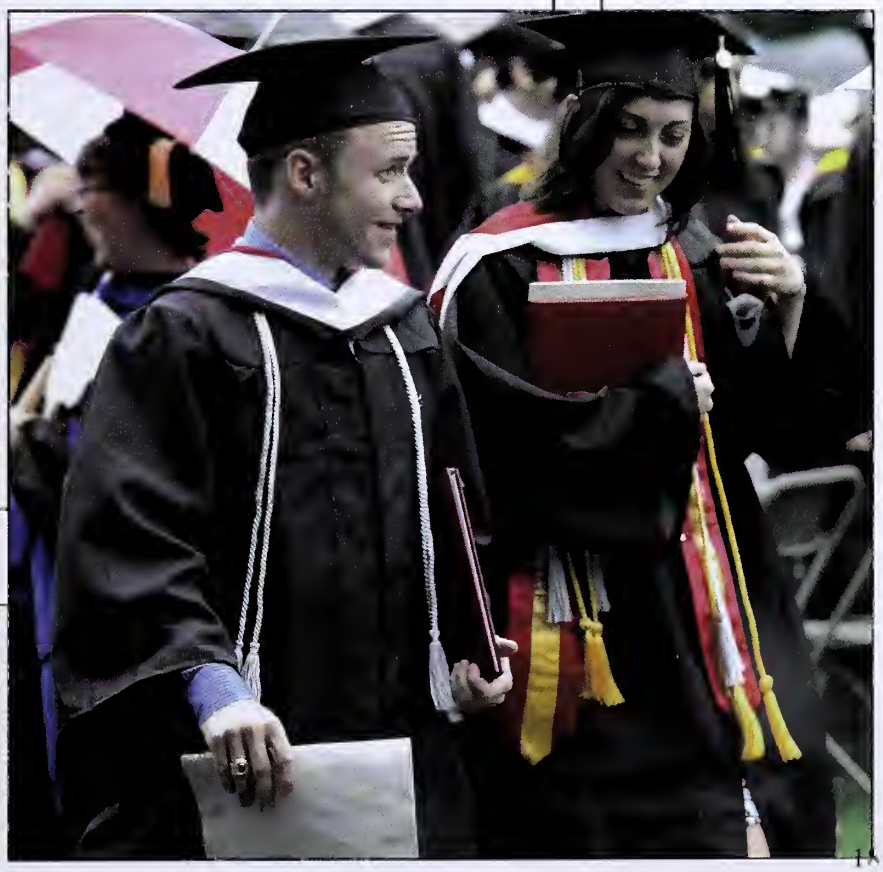
Commencement
Class of 2008
May 17-18

It is the middle of May, meaning once again it is time for another class to graduate from Muhlenberg College and journey into the real world as Muhlenberg Alums. Similar to each ceremony, the front lawn was transformed into an arena where families from across the country would gather to watch the right of passage from an undergraduate student to a graduate of Muhlenberg College. On Saturday, President Helm gave the Baccalaureate Address entitled "Three Travelers." The three travelers were composed of himself, the diminutive tailor in story is that of "The Brave Little Tailor" from Grimm's Fairy Tales and lastly Herodotus, "The Father of History." With each character President Helm discussed details of their journey and expressed important life lessons which could be taken from each of these characters. President Helm's last words expressed the importance of becoming a kind traveler as he wished the Class of 2008 best of luck on all of their future travels.

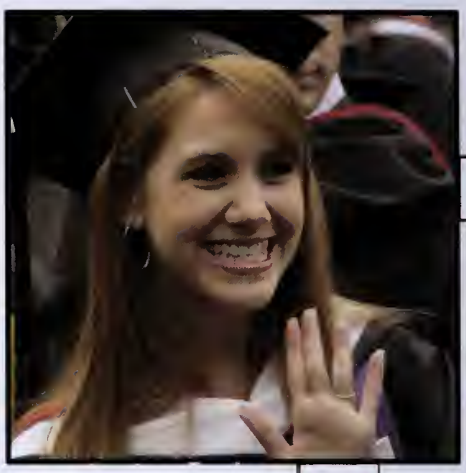




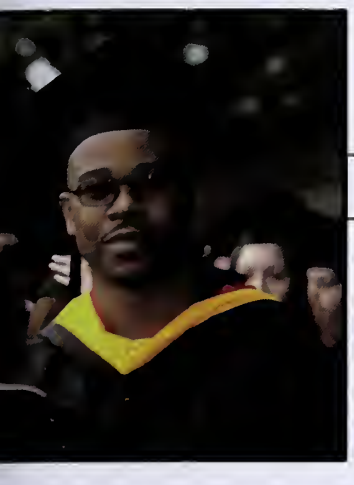


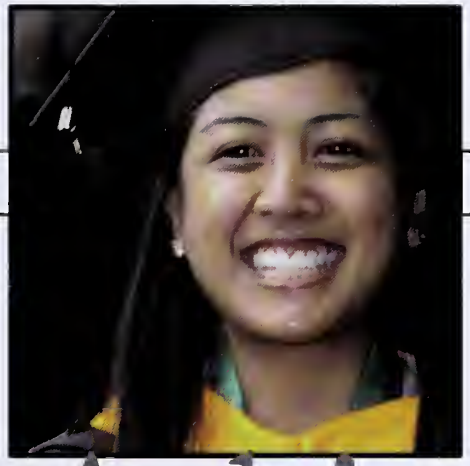
Graduation

This year Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) delivered the annual commencement address. Edelman is a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School. During the 60's she became the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar. She was awarded with a honorary doctorate of laws from the college. During her speech, Edelman talked about seven different lessons from a spiritual diary of letters. The first lesson that she mentioned was that there is no such thing as a free lunch and she spoke about the importance of working hard. Other lessons included tips on setting goals, and the importance of family and friends. She ended her talk with a quote from Shel Silverstein quoting "He said listen to the message child. Listen to the don'ts, listen to the shouldn'ts, the impossibles and the won'ts, listen to the never haves and then listen close to me. Anything can happen child, anything can be. If you dream it, if you believe in it, if you struggle for it, you can never give up." For a college celebrating 50 years of co-education, Marian Wright Edelman was a very appropriate speaker.



Alex Corgan was the student speaker for the ceremony, reflecting on the memorable experience that he shared with his classmates. Corgan, from West Hartford CT, is International Relations major who was very active at the college and within the community. Throughout his four years at Muhlenberg Corgan was president of the Muhlenberg Activities Council and Colleges Against Cancer, sponsoring events such as Relay for Life, and was responsible for bringing numerous musical acts to the school. This past fall he was named as the 2007 Homecoming King. He was elected by the Class of 2008 to speak at commencement and his speech showed that his class had selected an excellent candidate. Corgan's speech mentioned the importance of giving back, humanity, civic engagement and encouraged students to take the lessons they have learned from Muhlenberg and to apply them to their futures. Towards the end of his speech Corgan spoke of the future saying "we have the dreams and the ambition, the ability and the courage, the charisma and the respect for others to make our lives anything that we want them to be. So go out there and prove me right."





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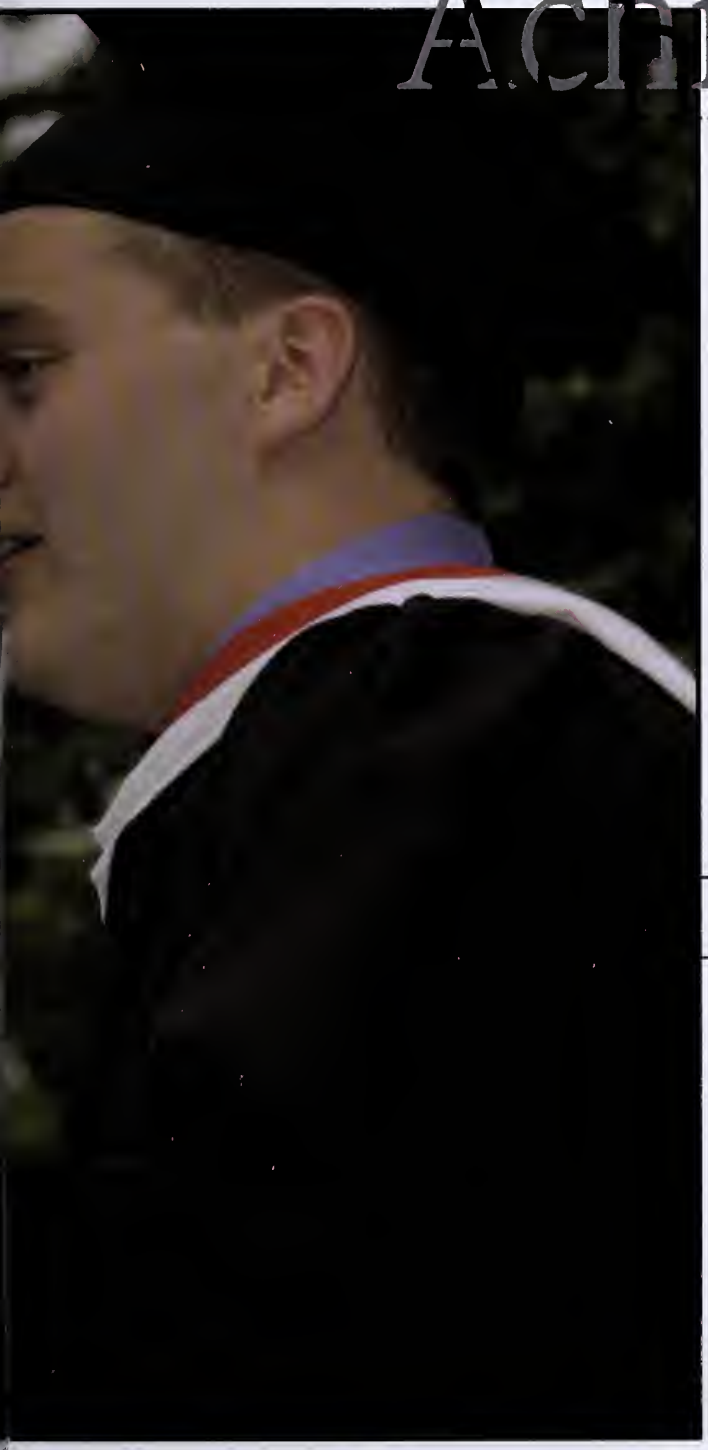
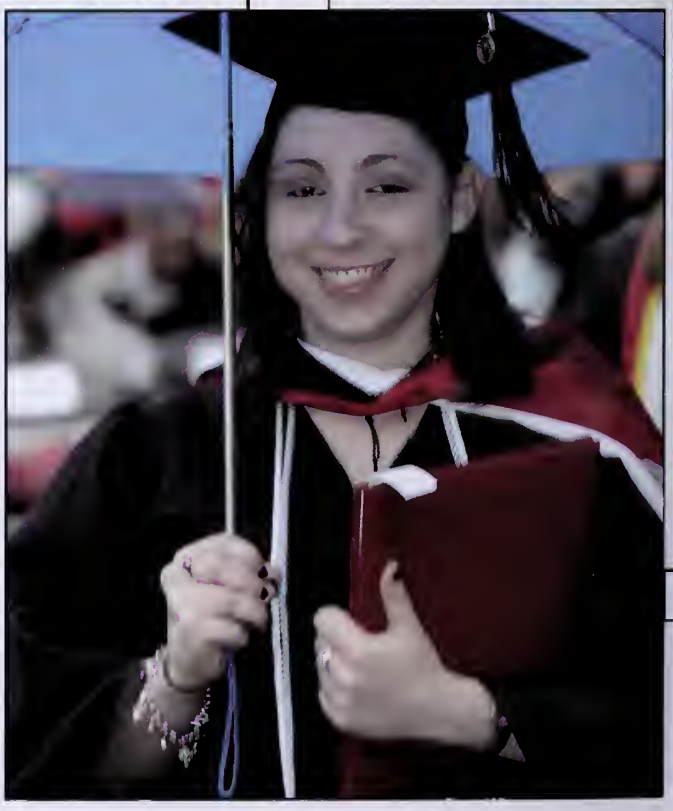
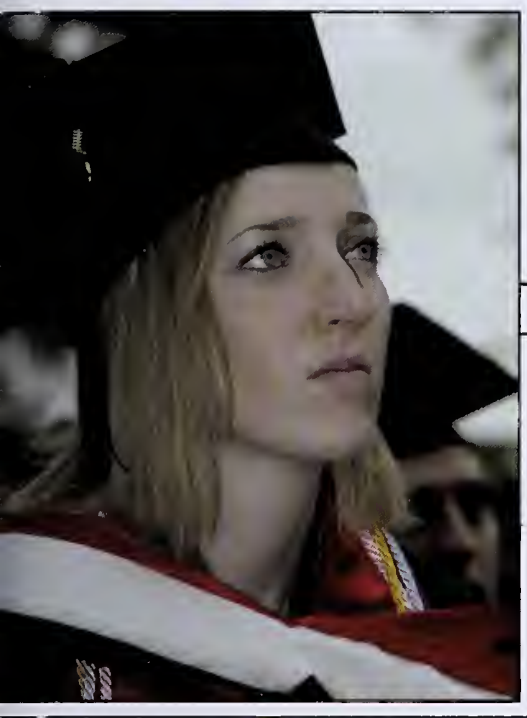
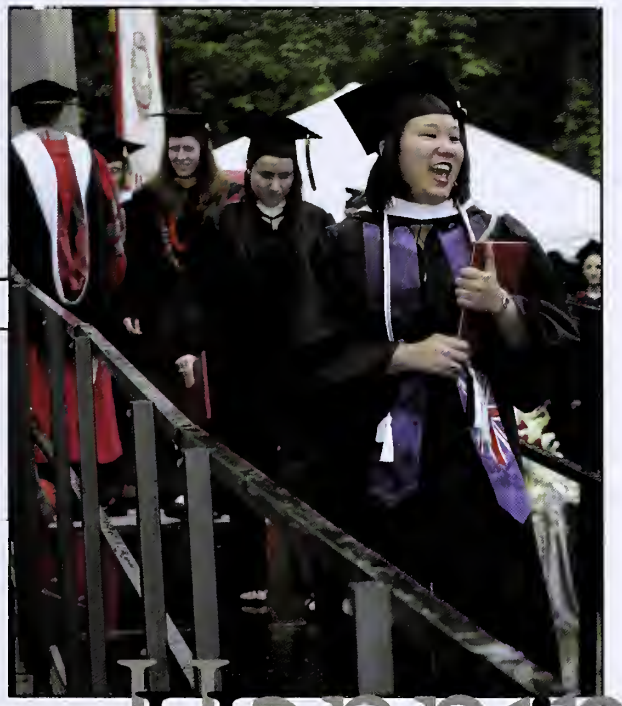


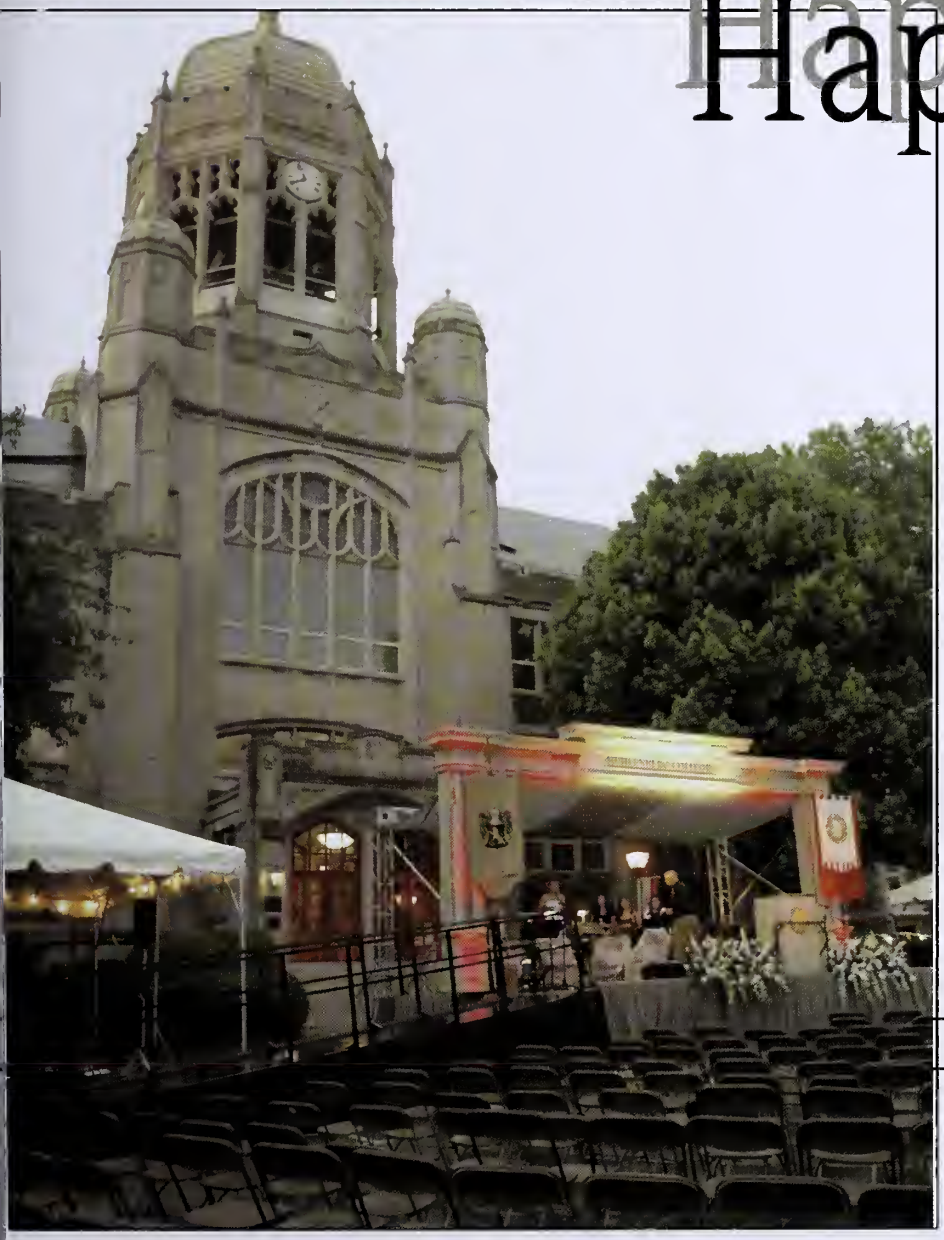
Congratulations to the Class of 2008. Even the rainy weather could not dampen the mood of these happy seniors whose four years of hard work have finally paid off.



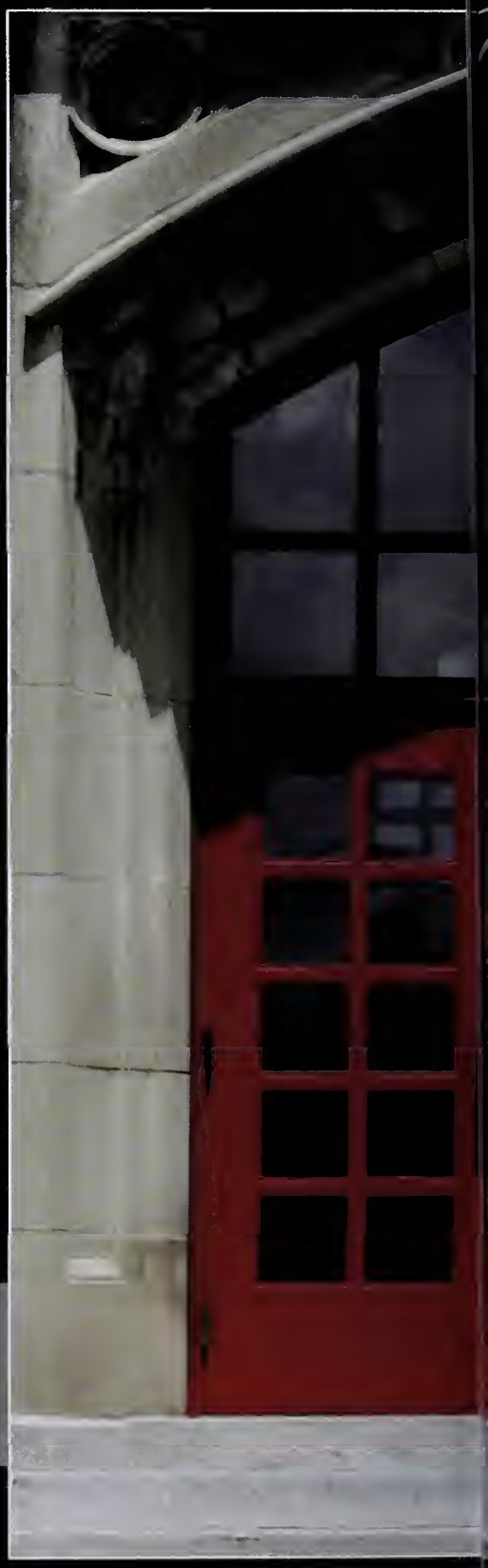




Happiness



As a freshman, each student enters Muhlenberg College through red doors, and after four years of school work, friends and fond memories, they leave Muhlenberg with the red doors closing behind them. To an outsider, a red door is extactly what the name says it is, a door, but to all past and present Muhlenberg students, it represents much more.



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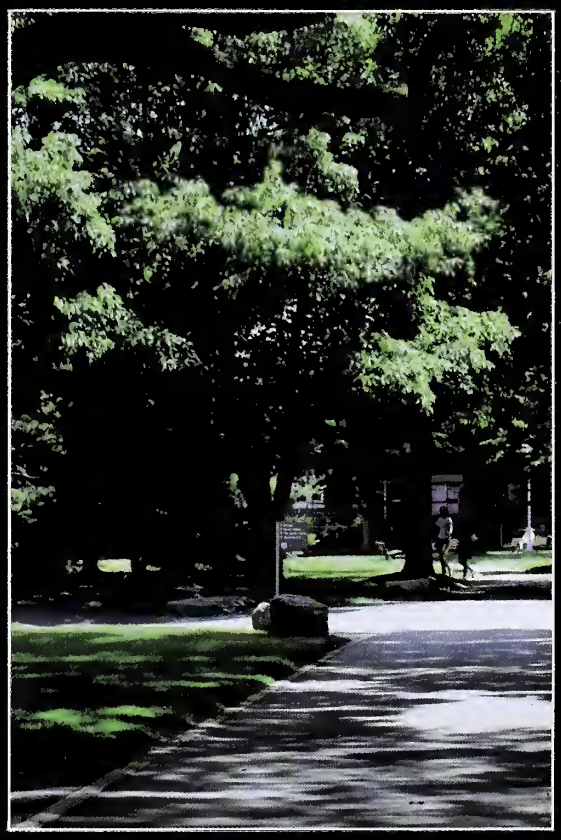

Thank You

Muhlenberg College Alma Mater

I love to sit and think and dream,

And oft conspire.

And yet amid the swelling stream

of fond desire,

My heart turns ever to Thee,

Alma Mater, Alma Mater.

Thee will I ever sing,

To Thee my heart shall cling.

Of Thee my praises ring

O Muhlenberg, Alma Mater,

O my Muhlenberg